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A. Loudon Snowden
Supt

From June 18th 1879
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Blank Book Manufacturers,

And Steam-Power Printers,

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June 17th 77

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will please make requisition upon the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury, in my favor as Superintendent of this Mint for the sum of Five Hundred dollars ($500) to be paid from the current appropriations for parting & refining Bullion for the Expenses of the Refinery during June, 1877.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Superintendent.

R. E. Preston Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint,
Washington,
D. C.

June 18th 71

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Vouchers 774 of April Building Assay Office at Charlotte, N.C. Bolles $12.18.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Horace Sumner
Superintendent.

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

June 18th 79

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit the Statement of Silver purchased & parted from during the following week from June 9th to 14th 1879.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant

[signature]

Superintendent

R. P. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D. C.

June 18th 78

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of 8 packages of Gold bullion #124–131 inclusive, by registered mail, from your Mint, as per letter of advice of 13th inst. enclosing Schedule.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Linderman
Superintendent.

E. Silver, Esq.
Assayer in Charge.
U.S. Mint.
Denver,
Col.

June 19th 79

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose Mem. 794. of Gold bullion, being for remittance #40 from your office. Value $942.18.

Very respectfully y.
Your obedient servant.
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent.

Calvin J. Bowles, Esq
U. S. Assayer.
Charlotte.
N. C.

June 19th 9

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose Mem.* 279. & Receipt *2200 of the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia, for *5870 60/100. being the value of silver bullions from remittance of *6763 92/100 in 3s & 5s pieces, received from upon by Express, on 14th inst.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant.
Benjamin Pomeroy
Superintendent

Hon. James Pilfillan.
Treasurer U. S.
Washington.
D. C.

June 19th 1879

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the reports of the Melter & Refiner, and Gold & Silver melting for the months of April, 1879.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant

Archibald Brawley

Superintendent

R. E. Preston, Esq.

Acting Director of the Mint,

Washington,

D. C.

June 19th 9.

Sir,

In compliance with the wishes of several gentlemen in this city, who are interest's in Richard C. Remmey, I write to ascertain whether it would be possible for the Mint at San Francisco or New Orleans, to purchase any of the porcelain refining pots he has on hand.

I understand from them, as well as from Mr Booth, of this Mint, that Mr Remmey undertook the manufacture of these jars, at the instance of the late Director of the Mint, Dr Linderman, with the view of cheapening the price. He has involved all his capital, - indeed he is ruined by the enterprise.

I very well know that it is not possible for the Government to have any feelings in regard to individuals, but in a case like this, where an individual has been induced to enter into the manufacture of any particular product, with the view of saving money for the Government, I think he is entitled, at least, to very fair consideration.

Mr Booth says that these pots can be used with great advantage for holding liquids hot or cold, also for filtering, and that they are much better than those sent to California originally. He has not entire confidence in them for boiling purposes, but if they could be used in the operations named, for which they are eminently adapted, it would be an economy to purchase at the present price. This institution

would seem at the present time, to have a large stock for the purposes named, and I cannot recommend this purchase here; but, if it would be entirely consistent and proper, I would respectfully urge that the other Mints, if they are in need of such ware, should give these pots a fair test, and in doing this, they will, I think be saving money to the Department.

I submit this whole subject to your consideration, and remain

Respectfull Your Obt Servt

S. Loudon Snowden

Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D. C.

June 19th 9.

Sir;-

I have been prevented from an earlier repl, to your letter of the 12th inst, in relation to the "cost of the Indian Peace Medal, (Hayes) struck in silver, complete with the clasp for suspension", by the fact, that the reverse of the die was so injured, that I had to have a new one prepared, and have only today had it completed upon which I could base an estimate. The cost will be, including labor, and fine silver, about $7.65.

I am

Respectfully, Your Obt. Servt

London Tinsley

Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington, D.C.

June 20th 9

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose Receipt #4980 of the U.S. Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia for $100,000. on a/c of Profits on Standard Silver dollars.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant.
Edward Kinsley
Superintendent.

Hon. John Sherman.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington.
D. C.

June 26th 9

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose Voucher No 806 of remittance of coin Indians from upon Mint, received 18th inst. Dollars $77,54,7.

I am respectfully,
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

To Silver, Esq.
Assayer in charge,
U.S. Mint,
Dahlonega,
Geo.

June 20th 9

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Mem.* 8½ of gold bullions received from the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col.° on the 18th inst. Value. $7254,84

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant.
Superintendent

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington,
D. C.

June 20th 9

Gentlemen.

I enclose Statement of 63 Bbls. Sweeps for Sale for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in (2) Double Eagles of full weight; and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint. Please forward your bid on or before the 25th inst. marked across the face of the envelope "Bid for Sweeps"

Very Respectfully
R. Louden Snowden
Supt.

R. Langworthy & Son
[illegible] John St.
New York

June 20th 9

Statement of Samples

No's.	Kind	Weight	Total Std. Oz	Silver Std. Oz
207 to 218	M & C	1208 lb	6,100	1130.05
219 to 228	"	1068 "	5,700	1057.81
229 to 238	"	1023 "	5,400	1000.73
239 to 248	"	1056 "	5,480	1016.25
249 to 258	"	1065 "	5,511	1021.82
259 to 268	"	1036 "	5,517	1022.83
1-5-6-C.	Sample	1070 "	3,463	2.34
		8,358 lbs	43,171	8,015.86

Estimate of Bars 8,358.00

Do Silver 8,015.86

Gold 21,262.34

June 30th 9

Gentlemen.

I enclose Statement of 63 Bbls. Sweeps for Sale for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint. Please forward your bid on or before the 25th inst, marked across the face of the envelope "Bid for Sweeps."

Very Respectfully
A. Loudon Snowden
Supt.

E. Balbach & Son
Newark
N.J.

June 20th 9

Statement of Dumps.

Nos.	Kind	Weight	Gold Std. Oz		Silver Std. Oz	
207 to 218	M & R	11207 lbs.	6	950	1185	00
217 to 228	"	11408 "	6	708	1157	80
207 to 218	"	11528 "	11	005	520	93
237 to 248	"	11456 "	6	798	3.16	25
247 to 258	"	11465 "	6	511	519	62
257 to 268	"	11636 "	10	517	359	83
156-6-7.	Dupts.	1.1170 "	3	403	29	34
		28.252 "	50	91	2855	86

Coin value of Gold $941.36

Do Silver 3.323.18

Total $4.264.54

June 20th 7

Gentlemen.

I enclose Statement of 63 Bbls. Scraps for Sale for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of Just weight, and Casks to be delivered at the Mint.

Please forward your bid on or before the 30th inst. marked across the face of the envelope "Bid for Scraps."

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Landon Pomeroy
Supt.

C. S. (2 Encls) 4 for A.
Assist. Treas.
N. Y.

June 20th 7

Statement of Smelts.

	Kind	Weight.	Gold Fine Oz.	Silver Fine Oz.
No. 2 eight bar	W & R.	1237 lbs	6.750	1135.05
" 2 eight bar	"	1108 "	6.712	1057.84
" 2 eight bar	"	1128 "	11.005	1520.93
" 2 eight bar	"	1156 "	6.498	516.25
" 2 eight bar	"	1145 "	6.511	542.62
" 2 eight bar	"	1136 "	10.617	857.85
" 1826-7	Supts.	1240 "	3.103	23.34
		28.252 "	50.598	2.855.86

Coin Value of Gold $941.36.

Do Silver 3.326.18.

Total $ 4.267.54.

June 20th 9

Gentlemen.

I enclose Statement of 63 Bbls Dumps for Sale, for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, and Dumps to be delivered at the Mint. Please forward your bid (prior to the 25th inst, marked across the face of the envelope) "Bid for Dumps".

Very Respectfully

Howard Pinney

D. M.

Howard & Miller

Or John S.

Norton

June 20th 9

Statement of Sump D.

No D.	Kind	Weight	Gold Fine Oz.	Silver Fine Oz.
209 to 218	Bullion	11287 lbs	6 900	11 350 05
219 to 228	"	11401 "	6 971 4	11 467 81
227 to 238	"	1528 "	11 015	520 93
237 to 248	"	11456 "	6 498	516 25
247 to 258	"	11465 "	6 511	512 62
257 to 268	"	11636 "	10 517	359 83
155-6-7	Sweeps	1470 "	3 403	233 4
		28252 "	50 598	2 555 86

Coin value of Gold $ 1 gun. 36

do Silver 3333.18

$ 112 5 X

June 20th 9

Gentlemen.

I enclose a Statement of 63 Bbls. Stamps for Sale for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of Full weight, and Stamps to be delivered at the Mint. Please forward your bid on or before the 30th inst, marked across the face of the envelope "Bid for Stamps."

Very Respectfully
A. Loudon Snowden
Supt.

A. M. Spear & Co.
No. 121 Fulton St.
New York

June 20th 1

Statement of Swamps

Nos.	Kind	Weight	Gold Std. Ozs.	Silver Std. Ozs.
209 to 218	M & R.	4209 lb	6 950	133 05
219 to 228	"	4408 "	5 514	145 84
229 to 238	"	4528 "	11 007	520 93
239 to 248	"	4464 "	6 491	516 25
249 to 258	"	4484 "	6 511	514 621
259 to 268	"	4438 "	10 611	365 93
155-6-7	Sundries	4470 "	3 403	93 811
		35202. "	50 098	2 289 96

Coinage value of Gold £ 9111. 8½

" Silver 2323. 18

Total £ 2641. 54

June 20th 9

Sir;-

I have appointed Thomas J Gibson as Laborer, at $2.75 per diem, and L. R. Snowden, as Assistant, at $3.00 per diem, in the general department of this Mint, to date from approval, and respectfully submit the same for approval, under section 3504, Revised Statutes.

I am

Respectfully Your Obt Servt.

A Loudon Snowden

Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington, D.C.

June 20th 9.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst., and in reply beg to say, that it will afford me great pleasure to have the weights to which you refer tested for the Argentine Republic.

I am
Very Respectfully Yours.
A. Loudon Snowden
Supt.

Mr. Thomas C. Acton
Supt. Assay Office
New York

June 23rd 97

Sir:

I have the honor to report the amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day, to be 1,907,563.00 Standard Ounces.

I am

Very Respectfully Yours,

[illegible]

R. E. Preston Esq.

Actg Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

June 21st 9.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose Receipt No 4981 of the U.S. Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia for One Hundred Thousand ($100.000.) Dollars, on a/c of profits on standard silver dollars.

I am

Very Respectfully, Your Obt Servt.

L. Loudon Snowden

Supt.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D. C.

June 21st 79

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith the Coiner's Report of Coinage, executed at this Mint during the week ending June 21st 1879.

I am
Respectfully Your Obt Servt
Linderman
Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

June 21st 9.

Sir;

I am so well satisfied that the best mode of purchasing coal for this institution, is by ascertaining the prices from leading firms at the beginning of each month, and purchasing thereunder, that I most respectfully ask permission to pursue this course. Under the last bid for coal, the Mint has paid for 6 months, at the rate of 40 or 50 ¢ per ton more, than had the plan I suggest been pursued

The great disadvantage we labor under is, that we can accommodate

but 10 or 15 tons of coal at any one time, so that persons bidding have to fix the figure very high, in order to cover the contingency of a rise in the market and the purchase of coal in the future.

If we could purchase all the coal we desire for 6 months use and store it, I have no doubt the plan pursued last year, would be the best, but in view of the fact, that we can accommodate such a small quantity; and as we are in the midst of the coal market; and further, because it will give me better control over the character of coal furnished, by simply changing the party who supplies, without entering into a discussion as to his failure to fulfill the contract. For these and other reasons I might present,

3.

I respectfully urge, that I be permitted to issue to the leading firms of Philadelphia, proposals at the end of each month for the amount required by this Mint the following month. I am satisfied in all respects, it will be an advantage.

I am
Respectfully Your Obt Servt.
Robt Maskell
Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D. C.

June 21st 9

Sir;

In view of the fact that the necessary overtime in the Coiners' branch of the work will more than exceed the amount appropriated for the present fiscal year, I regret that it will be impossible to allow any overtime on your side. The work therefore of your department must necessarily be embraced within the eight hours allowed as a days work

I am
Respectfully Yours
Lyman Kimmey
Supt

James C. Booth Esq
Melter and Refiner

June 23d 79

Sir:

I have the honor to report the "Surplus Fund" at the close of business on the 21st inst. at $5.017.630.19; & subdivided approximately as follows, viz:

In Coin	$1.605.110.00
" Certificates	1.001.077.07
Silver Coin	1.019.233.58
" Certificates	1.392.209.54
Total as above	$5.017.630.19

I am

Very Respectfully Your ob't

Servt

Lucius Crittenden

Asst

R. E. Preston Esq

Treasurer of the Mint

Washington

at Philadelphia June 21st 79

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Roscoe Conkling

June 23d 9

Sir.

The Cashier having ascertained that no clerical error occurred in the Statement of Movement of Silver dollars for June 20th. by which the Balance carried forward is too large. I have the honor to transmit corrected statements for 20th & 21st inst.

Very respectfully.
Your obedient servant.
Gordon Mumford
Superintendent.

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D. C.

June 23rd 1

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of remittance #41 of gold bullion from your Office, as per letter of advice enclosing Mem. of 19th inst.

I am, respectfully,
Your obedient servant
A. Broadbridge
Superintendent.

Calvin J. Bowles, Esq.
U. S. Assayer.
Charlotte.
N. C.

June 23rd 1

Sir;

I have the honor to inclose Receipt No 4903, of Mr. H. S. Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia for One Hundred Thousand (100.000) Dollars, on account of proceeds of standard silver dollars.

I am
Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt
H. Loudenslager
Supt.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D. C.

June 23rd 9

Sir,

I to I am in receipt of numerous letters in relation to the redemption of subsidiary coins, under the recent act of Congress, will you be kind enough to forward me the circular giving information in regard to the redemption, so that I may reply to the persons inquiring with all the facts before me.

I am

Respectfully Your Obt Servt

Edward Lowndes

Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington, D. C.

June 23rd 9.

Sir;

In response to your letter of the 21st inst I beg to say that we will be ready to commence the settlement of the accounts of this institution on Monday, the 30th inst,

I had hoped we might be able at an earlier date to commence our settlement, but the large amount of work thrown upon the Mint, for reasons you are thoroughly conversant with, renders it impossible for us to shut down before that time. I shall be glad to see the representative of your Bureau on the morning of that day.

Respectfully Your Obt Servt

A. Loudon Snowden

Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington, D.C.

June 23rd 9.

Sir:-

During my recent visit to Washington, as you will remember, I had a conversation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Director of the Mint, and yourself, as well as some of the other officers of the Treasury Department, in relation to refurnishing this Mint, of which it is greatly in need.

It was agreed by the officers to give me a supply after July 1st.

Since then I have made an order for two cylinder-fall desks.

I write now to ascertain, whether, in case I find I have any funds left from the contingent appropriation,

I would be justified in purchasing a portion of what may be needed, thus saving the general fund of the Treasury Department that much.

Awaiting your answer, I remain
Respectfully, Your Obt Servt
Robt Crosby
Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

June 22nd 9.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the oaths of office of the following persons recently appointed Adjusters in this Mint

Miss Mary Newbold
Mrs Ann Newell
Mrs Maggie P. Billington

I am
Respectfully Your Obt Servt
Gordon Lindsay
Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D. C.

June 24th 9

Sir;-

In reply to your communication enclosing one from M. Garrigues, Foreman of the Melting Department, I beg to express my regret at not being able to comply with the suggestion contained therein. The overtime for last September, if allowed at the present time, would overrun the appropriation. The two days overtime made during the present month, will be allowed.

I am
Respectfully Yours
Louis Lowe
Supt

James G. Booth Esq
Melter and Refiner

June 21st 9

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of draft #7555 on Treasury Warrant #1622 for $5 00. of Appropriation for Parting & Refining Bullion at this Mint.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant.
Horace Morden
Superintendent

Hon. James Gilfillan.
Treasurer of the U.S.
Washington.
D.C.

June 24th 9

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of draft $87009 for $208.02, in payment for 3 gold Life Saving Medals of 1st class.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,

Superintendent

L. J. Kimball, Esq.
Supt Life Saving Service,
Washington,
D. C.

June 24th 9

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 23rd inst. I beg to say, that proof coins, including all the silver and minor coins issued, are sold at this institution at 1½ prem, the price having been reduced since I took control here. The best mode of transmitting your funds is by money order.

I am
Very Respectfully Yours
Gordon Burdey
Supt.

Wallis Smith Esq
First National Bank
Yonkers, NY.

June 24th 9

Sir,

I have directed Mr. Outerbridge to test the melting powers of one of the furnaces at Edge Moor Iron Works. Please furnish him with six (6) ingots of silver, with some clippings. & such other appliances as he may require.

Very respectfully yours,

Lorenzo Sharples

Superintendent.

Prof. James C. Booth.

Melter & Refiner.

June 24th 9

Sir.

I have the honor to request that the Sum of Fifty Thousand (50.000) Dollars Standing to your credit in the Re's due & p.d. as Proceeds of Mint coin's withdrawn from the Redemption Fund and Re's Fund, be transferred from this Mint to the Treasury of the United States.

I am, Sir.

Very Respectfully

A. London Snowden

Supt.

Hon. James Gillespie

Treasurer U.S.

Washington

D.C.

June 24th 9.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose Receipt, Voucher of the U. S. Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia, for One Hundred Thousand ($100.000.) Dollars, on a/c. of profits on standard silver dollars.

I am

Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt

Loudon Snowden

Supt.

Hon. John Sherman

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington, D.C.

June 25th 9

Sir.

I have the honour to enclose receipt
*4986 of the U. S. Assistant Treasurer at
Philadelphia for $176.01. on account of the
sale of Old Materials at this Mint.

I am very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,

Superintendent.

Hon. John Sherman.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington.
D. C.

June 25th 9

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose Memn. #829 of gold bullion received from U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N. C. Value $949.69.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servants.

R. E. Preston, Esq. Superintendent.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D. C.

June 25th 9

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit Statement of $ Co's was purchased & parted from Gold, at this Mint from June 16th to 21st, 1879.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant.

Superintendent.

R. B. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington,
D. C.

June 25th 9

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the package of circulars relative to the exchange &c. of fractional silver coins of the United States, as per your letter of advice of 24th inst.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servt.

Superintendent.

R. B. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint,
Washington,
D. C.

June 25th 9

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose Mem. #29 for appld Instructions received from your office, per [illegible] letter of advice d/ Mem. 7 19th inst.; being remittance #41, Value #949.69.

Yours, respectfully,

Your obedient servant.

Superintendent.

Colonel J. Bowles, Esq.
M. S. Treasurer,
Charlotte,
N.B.

June 25th 9

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose herewith Receipt No 4985 of the U S. Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia for One Hundred Thousand ($100.000.) Dollars, on a/c. of profits on Standard silver dollars.

I am

Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt

Supt.

Hon. John Sherman

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington, D. C.

June 26th 9

Sir,

I have the hono- to enclose duplicate invoices of one box of Public Property sent to your office this day for Transportation to the U. S. Assayer at Helena, Montana.

Very respectfully yours,

Superintendent.

Capt. J. H. Lord,
Asst. Q. M. U. S. A.
Philadelphia,
Pa.

June 27th 9.

Sir,

A box containing apparatus for the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana was delivered to you yesterday, duly invoiced for transportation to that place.

Will you have the kindness to send by the bearer, the usual duplicate receipts given by your Department, as they are required for the settlement of the A/c of this Institution with the Director of the Mint.

I am, respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
(By order of the Superintendent)

A. L. Lord, U. S. N. A. L. Lafrentz,
Ch. Engineer. Engineer.

June 27th 9.

Sir,

A box containing apparatus for the U.S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, was delivered to you yesterday, & duly invoiced for transportation to that place.

Will you have the kindness to send by the bearer, the usual duplicate receipts given in your Department, as they are required for the settlement of the A/c of this Institution with the Director of the Mint.

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[illegible] the Superintendent

[illegible]

[illegible]

June 27th 9.

Sir;-

Having accepted an invitation to address the Literary Societies of Washington and Jefferson College, during the early part of next week, I will be absent from this institution for two or three days.

During my absence Dr John L. Le Conte, Chief Clerk, will act in my place, in conformity with Section 9 of the Act of 1873.

I am
Very Respectfully Your Ob't Serv't
R. Loudon Snowden
Insp't.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D. C.

June 28 9

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 27th Inst. I enclose herewith Statement of "Old Material Sold" which was inadvertantly omitted from my letter of the 25th Inst.

Very respectfully

John L. LeConte
Acting Superintendent

Hon. E. Preston Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 28th 79

Sir;

I have the honor to report the approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day to be, 1644. 875.88 Standard Ounces.

Very Respectfully Yours

John L. Leconte,

Actg Supt

R. E. Preston Esq

Actg Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

Mint 28th 9.

Sir,-

In accordance with the instructions contained in your letter of the 25th inst. I have the honor to enclose the certificate of deposit No: 2235, of the U.S. Assistant Treasurer at Philada for $2.05[7].30, being the value of the parcel of light gold coin received by Express. Mint memorandum #840 also enclosed.

I am
Very Respectfully, Your
obt. Servt.
John L. Lesoute.
acting Superintendent.

Hon. James Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S.
Washington, D.C.

June 28th 9

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the coinage report of coinage executed at this Mint for the week, ending June 28th, 1879.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant
John L. Lobenstein
Acting Superintendent

W. P. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint,
Washington,
D. C.

June 30th 9.

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose herewith Receipt No 4995 of the U. S. Asst. Treasurer at Philadelphia for Five Hundred and Eighty Eight 94/100 Dollars, being proceeds of Medal Stamps.

I am
Very Respectfully, Your Obt Servt.
John L. LeConte.
Actg Light.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D.C.

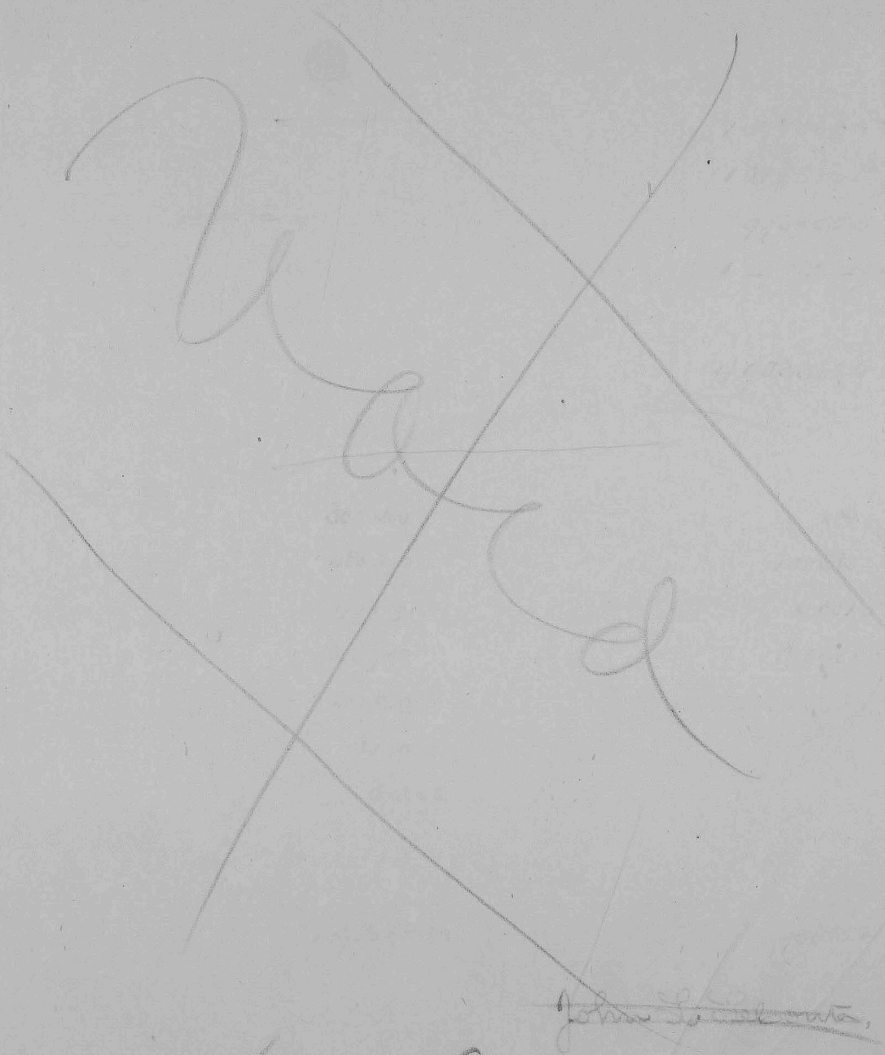
June 30th 79

Sir:

In accordance with the directions contained in your circular of the 2nd inst, I have the honor to transmit the list of officers and employees of this Mint, for the Biennial Register of 1879.

Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt
[illegible]
Supt.

Hon. John B. Hawley
Assist Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D. C.



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June 30th 79.

Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose the Coiner's Reports of coinage executed at this Mint during the month ending June 30th 1879, and for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1879.

Very Respectfully Your Obt Svt
John L. LeConte
Acting Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D. C.

Philada. June 30th 69

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June 30th 87

Sir

I have the honor to report the Bullion Stock at the close of business this day at $ 49.0.362.26

Subdivided & approximately as follows.

Gold Coin $ 697.068.50

Gold Bullion 1.016.195.71

Silver Coin 378.655.51

Silver Bullion 1.295.442.74

Total $ 49.0.362.96

I am Sir,

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

R. E. Preston Esqr

Supt Mint

Philadelphia Pa

Asst Supt

July 1st 9.

Sir:

In accordance with instructions contained in your letter of the 25th ult., I have the honor to enclose duplicate receipted bills for six (6) dozen Buckskin Mitts, forwarded this day by Express to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, La.

I am
Very Respectfully Your Obt Svt
John L. Leconte.
Acting Director.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D. C.

May 1st 9.

Sir;-

I have the honor to enclose the receipt of Capt. J. N. Lord, 2d U. S. A. Assistant Quarter Master at Philadelphia, for a box containing apparatus for the recovery of volatilized metals, for the Assay Office at Helena, Montana, ordered in your letter of Apr. 7th 1870.

Duplicate receipted bills for the cost of the apparatus are enclosed as follows;-

Edward L. Caleby	$19.62	
Robert Taylor 2nd & Co.	6.00	
Ths. J. Rees & Wm. Morgan	2.56	$28.18

I am
Very Respectfully Your Obt. Serv't.

John L. Lesconte.
Acting Capt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

July 1st 9.

Sir;-

I have the honor to enclose Express Receipt for one (1) Box containing six (6) dog. Buckskin, Mitts, forwarded to you this day, in accordance with the instructions contained in the Acting Director's letter dated June 25th 1839.

I am

Very Respectfully Yours

John L. Lebourte.

Acting Supt.

Lieut Henry D. Brooke

Chief Mate of the U.S.

New Orleans, La

July 1st 9

Sir,—

I have the honor to transmit herewith the oaths of office of the following persons, recently appointed to positions in this Mint;

Llewellyn R. Snowden, Assistant
Thomas J. Gibson, Laborer.
Maj. R. J. Cole. Adjutant

I am
Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt,
John L. Leconte,
Acting Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

July 2nd 79

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith Statement of Silver Bullion purchased for the week ended June 28th 1879.

Statement of Minor Coin redeemed, reissued and exchanged for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1879 and Statement of Minor Coin redeemed, reissued and exchanged for the Month of June 1879. I also enclose Certificate of Deposit No. 5000. (Original) for $331.85. Refining Charges, which I will thank you to transmit to the Secretary of the Treasury at your.

Very Respectfully

John L. Lebo Actg

Acting Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director
Washington
D.C.

July 3rd 1.

Sir—

The following telegram sent to you this day is hereby made official.

"No facilities for receiving silver, machinery down for repairs. If possible delay delivery for one week. Answer."

I am
Very respectfully Your Obt Svt
John L. LeConte
Acting Dir M

A. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

John L. Lebaute

July 5th 9

Sir.

Transfer letter No. 1403, directs payment of $1000 Standard Silver dollars to be made to the 1st National Bank at "Atkinson, Wis." No such place is found in any of the lists of the Express Agent. I therefore write to enquire if "Fort Atkinson" is not the place designated.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant.
Lucian Sunders
Superintendent.

Hon. James Gilfillan,
Treasurer U.S.
Washington,
D. C.

July 5th 7

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit the Coiner's report of coinage executed at the Mint during the week ending 5th inst.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient Servant

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent.

R. E. Preston, Esq.

Acting Director of the Mint.

Washington.

D. C.

July 5th 79

Sir,

I have the honor to report the approximate amount of silver bullion on hand, at the close of business this day, to be 186,279.50 Standard Ounces.

I am,
Very respectfully Your
Obedient Servant

R. E. Preston Esq
Chief Division of the Mint
Washington

Supt

July 5th 79

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith my accounts of Ordinary and Refining Expenses for the month of June 1879.

I would also state that my Supplemental account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of June 1879, will be forwarded as soon as practicable.

I am

Very Respectfully Your

Obt Servt

L. Lordsburner

Supt

R. E. Preston Esq

Actg Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

July 5th 9

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of remittances #42 & 43 gold bullion from your Office, as per letter of advice & mem.s of 1st inst.

Your mem. of #43 has been returned for division, & meanwhile, the bars marked b' & b² have been kept separate for special assay on private a/c, as you request.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient Servant,

Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.
U.S. Assay Office.
Charlotte.
N.C.

July 7th 9

Sir,-

In view of the fact that drafts for the Refinery Expenses of this Mint are no longer collectable in gold, and as the balance of that sort in my hands, ($284.48), is in coin, I beg to request that, for the purpose of keeping the funds of this office, as to kind, conformable to the balance sheet, you will authorize me to make an exchange of said coin balance, for its equivalent in currency.

I am

Very Respectfully, Your Obt Servt

Landon Thornton

14 Guards

R. E. Preston Esq

Acting Director of the Mint.

Washington, D.C.

July 7th 71

Sir.

I have the honor to report the Bullion Fund at the close of business on the 5th inst, at $ 41.865.812.65 Sub divided approximately as follows viz:

Gold Coin	$ 1.585.923.50
Gold Bullion	1.029.278.25
Silver Coin	954.811.17
Silver Bullion	1.295.799.73
Total	$ 41.865.812.65

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully

Benjamin Rush Ley

Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq

Acty. Director of the Mints

Washington.

DC

July 7th 9

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose the Statement of old material sold during the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1879.

Value $478,28.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant.

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent.

R. E. Preston, Esq.

Acting Director of the Mint.

Washington,

D. C.

July 7th 79

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the statement of old material sold at this Mint during the quarter ending June 30th, 1879:

Total value, $247,69.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant.
Loudon Snowden
Superintendent.

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint,
Washington,
D. C.

July 7th 9

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a remittance of two unparted bars, gold bullion, weight 30·36oz. as per your letter of advice of 1st inst.; the value will be ascertained, & deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S. in your name, as your request.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Loverdo Snowden
Superintendent.

F. Silver, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint,
Denver,
Col.

Philada July 5th 57

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE BULLION FUND

1585923 50	
1029278 25	
954811 17	
1295799 73	
4865812 65	
288340	30550
180240	108332
397155	63267
202850	83984
213849	0
3086	0
3350	0
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London Bundy

July 9th 79

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the Statement of the coins reserved for annual assay at this Mint during the quarter ending June 30th, 1879.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
Robert Sommers
Superintendent

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D. C.

July 8th 79

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt by Express of a box containing the Standard Silver dollars reserved at your Mint for the present Assay, the same being from deliveries during the quarter ending June 30th, 1879.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[illegible]

Superintendent

Wm. T. Sherman Esq.

Superintendent U.S. Mint,

New Orleans,

La.

5. Bronze Medals
6. Gold Proof Coin
7. Silver Proof Coin.

All of which are respectfully Submitted.

Very respectfully,
Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Robt. E. Preston Esq.
Actg Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the Coiner's report of the Silver Workings at this Mint during the month of June, 1879.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent.

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint,
Washington,
D. C.

July 9th 79

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose,

The report of the coinage of Fine Gold, Silver & Bronze Medals manufactured during the Fiscal year ending June 30th, 1879. &

My statement of the number & value Gold, Silver & Bronze medals, proof coins & patterns pieces struck & sold during the same year.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient Servant.

Chas. Bowers

Superintendent.

R. E. Preston, Esq.

Acting Director of the Mint.

Washington,

D. C.

July 9th 79

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose receipts of the U.S. Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia as follows: with Statement of assays appended:

#5011 for $3,100 for money received for assays.

#5012 for $235,90 for unexpended balance of appropriation for wages, for fiscal year ending June 30th, 1879.

Have the kindness to transmit these receipts to the Secretary of the Treasurer.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant.

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent.

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

July 9th 79

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose the following memoranda of gold bullion:

#896	from Charlotte, N.C. for gold purchases		$52,06
#898	" " " " "		840,10
#902	" Denver, Col., for deductions on bullion.		
	Assays during fiscal year ending June 30th/79.		384,20

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant.

A. Loudenmorden

Superintendent.

R. E. Preston, Esq.

Acting Director of the Mint.

Washington.

D.C.

July 9th 79

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Memos. #896, 898 & 899 of gold bullion from your office; one copy of 899 is retained as you requested for further services.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte,
N.C.

July 9th 79

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose (Memo. 902 of light bullion received from your Mint, being for deductions on bullion, assayed for fiscal year ending June 30th, 1879.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

Superintendent

H. Silver, Esq.

Assayer in Charge.

U. S. Mint.

Denver, Col.

July 9th 9

Sir,-

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day settled in full with the parties named in your letter of the 2nd inst, for silver bullion purchased by the United States, and which was delivered at this Mint yesterday.

Statements of same will be duly forwarded to you.

By a little extra exertion I have avoided partial payments on these purchases.

I am

Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt

Loudon Snowden

Supt

R. E. Preston Esq

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington, D.C.

July 9th 9

Sir;-

In reply to yours of the 5th inst I have the honor to state that I expect to resume operations in this Mint tomorrow morning, and will be able to coin a million dollars during the regular hours. I have been prevented from an earlier resumption of operations, by the deplorable condition of a portion of our machinery, particularly the large engine which drives our Rolls. I propose submitting a separate statement of what I have done in the direction of repairs. One thing seems manifest, if I had not taken the precaution on entering this institution,

to make some needed repairs to this large engine, it would have utterly broken down, and we should have been stopped for two or three months. I have done as much as I could in the repairing of this engine. It is still, in my judgment, in rather a dangerous condition. I will submit my views on the subject in full.

I am
Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt.
Lockwood Ingalls
Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D. C.

July 10th 79

Sir.

In compliance with your request of 9th inst. I enclose a triplicate of the Express receipt for box containing 6 dozen Melt. sent to New-Orleans Mint.

One copy was sent to the Superintendent of that institution. Another is retained here.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Coining Director of the Mint.
Washington,
D. C.

July 19th 71

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt by registered mail of a box containing coins from your Mint reserved for the Annual Assay during April, May and June, 1879, as per letter of advice of 1st inst.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent.

F. L. Dodge, Esq.
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco,
Cal.

July 10th 9

Messrs Wolfe &

Davenport, New York

July 2d 9

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Lorain Lowndes

July 10th 9

Laidlaw & Co.

New York
July 2nd 9

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A Gordon Rowles

July 10th 7

Handy & Company

New York
July 2d 7

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Sir London Times

July 10th 7

J. & W. Seligman & Co.

New York
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J. & V. Seligman

& Co. New York

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A. Louis Myers

July 10th 7

J. & W. Seligman & Co.

New York

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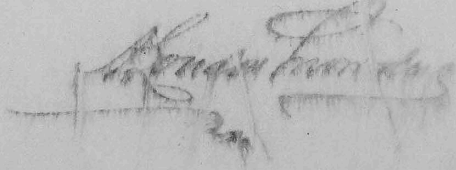
Bernard Rumbaus



July 10th 9

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose herewith a statement of the annual settlement of the Melter and Refiner's and Coiner's Department in this institution, from which it will appear that the Melter and Refiner's settlement is an improvement over last year.

I hope, with care and attention, that the wastage in all branches of the institution may be steadily diminished.

I am
Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt
Edward Morrow
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

July. 10th 79

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the Statement of Silver purchased & granted at this Mint from June 30th to July 5th, 1879.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
Landon Ingalls
Superintendent.

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington,
D. C.

July 10th 9

Sir,

I have the honor to report that the name of Granted W. Steel, Engineer, in the general department of this Mint, has been dropped from the rolls, to take effect to-day.

I am
Very Respectfully Your Ob't Serv't

R. Loudon Snowden
Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

July 11th 79

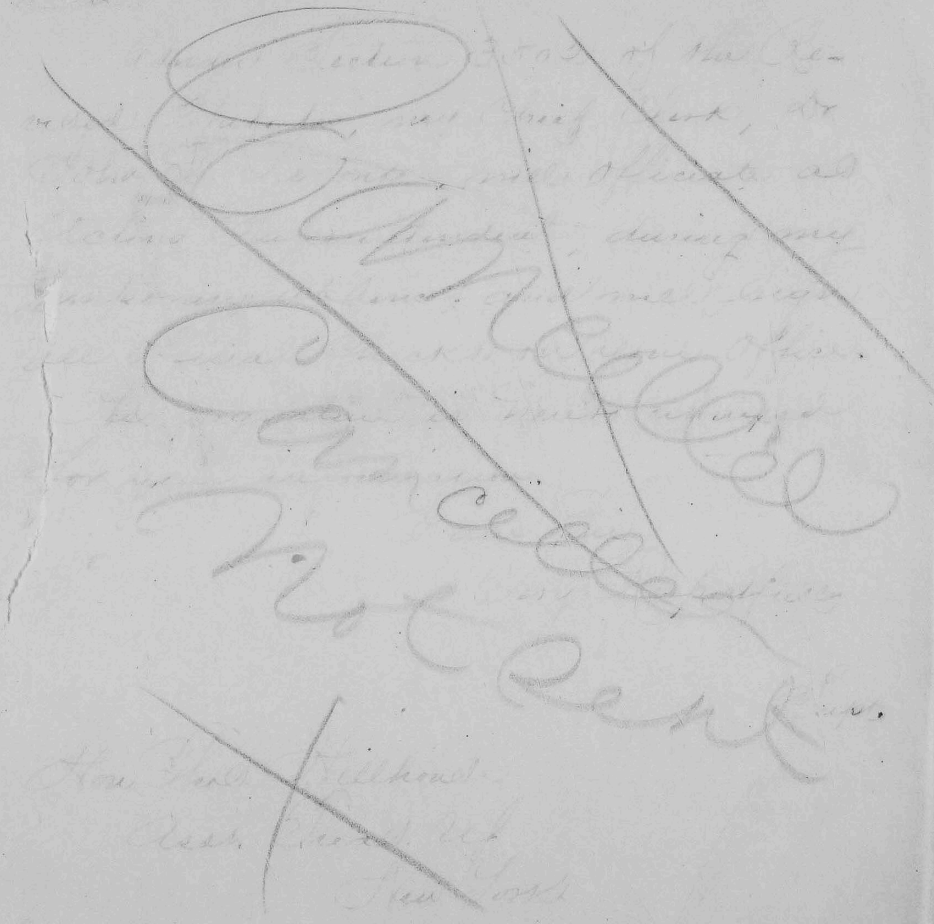
Sir

Returning to your letter of the 1st inst. stating that the Gold Haskage of the Alta & Yellow Jacket be ordered from the Mining Association, I have to respectfully request that you will cause a Draft to be issued in favor of the Superintendent of this Mint for the sum of $5.50.41 being the amount of the aforesaid Gold Haskage for the Fiscal year ended June 30th 1879, as per statement rendered to you in the Superintendents letter of yesterday. The Haskage of the [illegible] was on Ounces Silver (not) Has been settled

From the Ordinary Contingent Fund.

I am Sir,
Very Respectfully Yours
John L. Lebonte.
Actg. Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq.
Actg. Director Mint
Washington
D.C.



July 1st 1879

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, [illegible] of the U.S. Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia, for $38+.22, deposited in the name of Herman Silver, Disbursing Off. U.S. Mint, Denver, being value of deductions on deposits and sale of silver for fiscal year ending June 30th 1879.

Have the kindness to transmit this receipt to the Secretary of the Treasury.

I am
Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt

Edwd. S. Delavan,
Acting Chief.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

July 11th 9.

Sir,-

I have the honor to enclose the receipt of even date, of the U. S. Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia, for $54.20, deposited in your name, being amount of deductions on deposits and sale of envelops for fiscal year ending June 30th 1879.

I am

Very Respectfully Yours

Wm. P. Wilson.

Acting Supt.

Wm. Wilson Esq

Assayer, U. S. Mint

Denver, Col.

July 11th 9

In reply to your communication of this date I would advise that you are authorized to order the supply required at existing cost, to Pearson & Co. further until further notice.

The supplies of charcoal both, oak and pine, may be obtained for the present from the persons who have recently furnished them.

The contract to supply may be let after the return of the superintendent on Monday next.

Bill (5) Black Lead omitted Bill 70 was rendered on June 28th from end of the following items. Rodd Taylor & Co.

Ross, Sh. for Kamp & Dawson, Phila, Seidel & Co.,-
and may soon be expected. When
they have been fully tested, we will be
better enabled to determine on the
source from which future supplies
will be obtained.

I am
Very Respectfully Yours.
John L. LeConte.
Acting Supt.

Prof James C Booth
Melter and Refiner.

July 12th 9

Sir.

I have the honor to report the approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day at 1.912.388.27 Stx. Ozs.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
John L. Lehmute.
Acg. Supt

R. E. Preston Esq.
Acg. Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

26 Sibley
Phila July 11-1879

Respectfully forwarded
to Hon John Sherman
Secretary of the
Treasury. —

This communication was received under cover addressed to the Supt of this Mint.

John L. Ellicott.
Acting Supt.

July 12th 9.

Sir:-

I have the honor to transmit the Coiners' reports of coinage executed at this Mint, during the week ending 12th inst.

I am
Very Respectfully Your Ob't Serv't

Acting Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D. C.

To Dueatys

July 12th 9

Molter & Davis

York, New York
July 10th 9

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#1386

John L. Wilson
Acty

July 12th 9

J & M. Seligman & Co.

New York
July 10th 9

39.481. 30
39.441. 82
44.712. 40

$1.1382

John L. Edmunds
Agt

July 12th 9

J. & W. Seligman & Co.

New York

July 10th 9

10.350. 20

10.368 29

11.799. 11

$1.13 80

John L. Schwartz
Castings

Not Cancelled

Marked in Error.

L. L. L.

July 14th 9

Sir

I draw this day Checks Nos.
7180, favor Walter H Davenport, for $11.370.13
7181 " J. & W. Seligman & Co. " 36.711.51
in payment for Silver Bullion Purchased.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
A Loudenslager
Supt.

Hon. Thos. G. Fitzpatrick
Asst. Treasurer U.S.
New York

July 14th 9

Sir

I have the honor to report the Bullion Fund at the close of business on the 12th inst. at $5.219.312.65

Subdivided approximately as follows

Gold Coin	$ 1.675.243.00
Do Bullion	1.039.908.75
Silver Coin	1.074.964.96
Do Bullion	1.529.146.54
	$ 5.219.312.65

I am, Very Respy

John L. Lebaron.
Actg Supt

R. E. Preston Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Phinda. July 12th 79

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Six Fifteen Dollars. 2684 12
Asst. Treas. U.S. N.Y.

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John L. Labowe

July 14th 89

Sir,

I enclose receipt of the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia, No. 2259, for $18.99/100 being the value of a remittance of $22.99/100 ! mutilated silver coin, received from the Treasurer of the United States on 10th inst.

Have the kindness to transmit the receipt to him, in the usual manner.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
John L. LeConte
Acting Superintendent

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington,
D. C.

July 11th 79.

Sir.

I have received by registered mail your remittances Nos. 44 & 45. of gold bullion purchased on Government a/c. as per your letter of advice & enclosed Statements of 11th inst.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant.
John L. Ekkerts
acting Superintendent.

Robins', Coales, Esq.
U.S. Treasurer,
Charlotte,
N.C.

July 15th 79

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose the Synopsis of the Engineer's Log for the month ending June 30th 1879.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
Gordon Runkle
Superintendent

R. E. Preston. Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D. C.

July 14th 9

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 6th Inst, I send by Adams Express One Silver Life Saving Medal, engraved as directed, with Case and enclose herewith bills for the Medal, Case and Engraving; which have been paid out of the Medal Fund, amounting to $11.25.

Please sign and return the enclosed Vouchers.

Very respectfully &c

Sumner Kimball

Supt of Life Saving Service

Robt. E. Preston Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

July 15th 79

Sir.

The six (6) boxes of Gold bullion of Invoice No. 14 & the two (2) boxes of No. 15 sent by Adams Express, have been received, as per your letter of advice of 14th inst. enclosing Statements & Express receipts.

I have the honor to be,
very respectfully,
your obedient servant.

Brandon Barclay
Superintendent.

Chas. C. Gator, Esq.
Superintendent,
U.S. Assay Office,
New York.

July 15th 79

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the State-
ment of Silver purchased & Coinage from
Gold & from July 7th – 12th, 1879.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
Horace Brooks
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington
D. C.

July 15th 9

Sir.

I draw this day Check No. 7182, to the order of Laidlaw & Co. for $27.884.33 (Standard Silver Dollars) in payment for Silver Bullion.

Yours,

Very Respectfully

S. Gordon Morris

Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse

Asst. Treasurer U.S.

New York

July 15th 9

Liedlaw & Co

New York

July 10th 9

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Actg

Director of the Mint

Washington DC

A. London Snowden

very large vault in which to store not only subsidiary silver and minor coin, but also Trade dollars, until they are ordered to be shipped to different points, by the Treasurer of the United States.

There is perhaps no institution in this country having the charge of money, that is so fully supplied with vault room, as the Mint in this city. We have at the present time no vault but a small one, to which I have referred, for the storage of coin of any kind. There are one or two small ones in the Coining department, and one in the Melters and Refiners, used in the general operations of this department. There is a small one in the

Cashier's room, and one in the deposit room. With these exceptions the Mint is without vault room.

Without making an elaborate statement I hope this presentation of facts will be sufficient to justify you in making a favorable report, and obtaining immediate authority to construct a vault, which will in some degree meet the wants of this institution.

I am

Very Respectfully, Your

obt. Servt.

Chas. Bowman Smedley

Supt.

John M. Clarkson Jr. Esq.

Supt. U. S. Treasury Dept.

Philada

July 16th 9

Sir

I have the honor to enclose mem.
#4738 and 939 of Gold bullion received from
U.S. Assay Office Charlotte N.C. Value #1009.90 &
#907.14 Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John L. Leconte.
Supt.

R.E. Preston Esq Acting
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington,
D.C.

July 16th 79

Sir

I have the honor to inclose Mints. #938 & 939 for gold bullion received from your office, as per letter of advice & Mints. of 19th inst; being remittances #42 & 43.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

John L. Leconte,

Acting Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles Esq
U. S. Assayer
Charlotte
N. C.

July 17th 9.

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit herewith, O. S. Turner's oath of office, - recently appointed to a position in this Mint.

I am
Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt
John L. LeConte,
Acting Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D. C.

July 17 79

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 9th Inst, I send by Adams Express, one gold Life Saving Medal, of the first class, engraved as directed, with Case for the Same and enclose herewith duplicate receipted bills for the Medal, Case and engraving, amounting to $62.00 in gold and $5.25 Currency, which have been paid out of the Medal Fund.

Please sign and return the enclosed voucher.

Very respectfully

Rob't B. Forbes Esq
Secty Bd of Trustees Mass
Humane Soc
Boston Mass

July 17th 9

Sir:-

Eight hundred thousand will be the extreme limit of our coinage of silver dollars for the present month. We are now coining at the rate of $600.= a day in minor coins. I have 6 a $5000.= of deposit money on hand, and I should like very much to pay off the orders, if you could allow the institution to run a little in that direction, at a sacrifice upon the silver dollar coinage. Can this be allowed.?

I am
Very Respectfully Your Ob't Serv't
A. London Snowden
Teller

R.E. Preston Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

July 18th 9

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will cause a Draft to issue in my favor for the Sum of Five Hundred (500) Dollars, to meet the incidental expenses of the Mint for the current month.

I regret to state that I have not yet received the Coin Draft called for in my letter of the 11th inst. to cover the Wastage of the Mint & Officers.

I am, Very Respectfully

R. E. Preston, Esq
Chief Director of Mint

John L. Lebaron.
Act. Supt.

July 18th 79

Sir

I have the honor to enclose, with the request that you will transmit them to the Secretary of the Treasury, the three following certificates of deposit of the U. S. Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia, made in the name of Calvin J. Cowles U.S. Assayer, Charlotte, N.C.

* 5019. Surp^{s} a/c 1878-79 * 22.17

5020 Profit & Loss item Bullion a/c 1st Quarter 1879 $29.79

5021 " " " 2nd Quarter 1879 $39.44

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

R. E. Preston, Esq

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

John L. Lebourtz

Acting Superintendent

July 17 78

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. and enclosed draft No 67,985 for $1125 in payment for one Silver Life Saving Medal of 2nd Class and engraving, forwarded from this office on the 14th inst.

Very respectfully
John L. Leblanc
Acting Superintendent

W. D. O'Connor Esq.
Acting Genl Supt U.S. Life Saving Service
Treasury Department
Washington D.C.

July 19 9

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the report of supplies on hand at the end of the fiscal year which terminated last June 30. 1877. in accordance with the instructions contained in the Director's letter of Feb 23. 1877.

The Statement of Appropriations & Disbursements of Subsistence Funds required by same letter, as modified by your subsequent letter of April 10. 1877, will be forwarded as soon as the supplemental accounts can be closed.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
John L. Le Conte.
Acting Superintendent

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

July 19th 79

Sir.

I find that the discrepancy in the number & value of 3¢ pieces coined at this Mint. between the Annual & Monthly reports mentioned in your letter of 18th inst. is owing to a clerical error in the report for January, 1879. The number stated instead of 24,900 should be 24,600. & the value instead $747 should be $738. With this change the sum of the monthly reports will agree with the annual one. I return the memorandum with the errors corrected in pencil.

The reports of Deposits & Purchases: Gold & Silver of Domestic production, & Bars Manufactured have been used for several days.

but the returning officers were sent to the Book Binders before the final comparisons were made, which would correct any clerical errors. I have procured the return of these documents, & the comparisons is now being made, & I hope to have the reports ready for transmittal this morning. Meanwhile I enclose in this letter the following instalment, & add the Coiner's Weekly report of Coinage executed for week ending July 19th 1879.

Statement of Deposits & Purchases. Gold & Silver &c

&c " deposits of Gold & Silver of Domestic Production for June, 1879.

R. E. Preston Esq. Very respectfully yours
Acting Director of the Mint } John L. Lebaume
Washington, D.C. } Acting Supt.

July 19th 79

Sir,

The four books of Pay receipts sent by mail have been duly received, as per your letter of advice of 18th inst.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John L. Leconte
Acting Superintendent

R. E. Preston, Esq.,
Acting Director of the Mint,
Washington,
D. C.

July 19 9

Sir,

The box of gold bullion mentioned in your letter of even date, and Schedule of 8th inst. was received by Express this day.

The returns will be made to you as soon as practicable.

Your letter informing me that the Express charges upon the bullion from Helena to Philadelphia were at the rate of $16.30 per M. has also been received, and the bill will be acted upon that basis.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
John L. Lebaron
Acting Supt

R. B. Harriden, Esq
Assayer in Charge
U.S. Assay Office

July 19th 79

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose the Statement of Gold & Silver of Domestic production deposited at this Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1879.
Also the Statement of Deposits & Purchases of Gold & Silver Bullion, & of Bars manufactured during the same year.

The cause of the delay in forwarding these reports is explained in another letter of this same date.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
John L. Leborte
Acting Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

July 21st 79

Sir.

It is my unpleasant duty to report to you the following irregularities & defects in the last lot of silver delivered to this Mint by Messrs. Handy & Promise of Newport Ky.

1. Errors in weight:

Bars Nos. 1818 & 1819 from Platt, Bros. were each 100 oz. short of the weight stamped on the bar & invoiced in the Schedule.

The St. Louis bars on gross weight of 67,000 oz. were short 12,50 oz.

The Penna Lead Co.'s bars on gross weight of 34,800 oz. were short 34.00 oz. Some bars were of full weight & others ½ – 4 oz. short. One bar was weighed & found short 2.15 oz; it was bro-ken near the [illegible] weight, & found to have

lost 1.15 oz; making a total of 3.20 oz. A further loss of 1.15 oz. took place in melting.

And in bars of the same bullion was melted in the same crucibles, without previous drying & lost 4.90 oz.

2. Defects in metal:

Bars from St. Louis especially from the Perma. Lead. Co. were spongy, & several of the latter were indeed quite friable in places, so that pieces of greater or less size dropped off each time they were handled: the table & floor where they were weighed were in fact strewn with small flakes of silver, which were swept up & preserved, as far as possible.

The porosity of such bars is a cause of great inconvenience to the employés, [illegible]

the value of the labor wasted in endeavoring to recover these small particles of silver is really greater than the worth of the metal recovered: it also causes dificulty in estimating the true weight of the metal, in consequence of the water contained in the small cavities. This water will vary with the temperature & hygrometric conditions of the air, so that the same bars might change notably in weight at different times.

If the shoddy condition of the metal is not produced by design, it shows at least great ignorance and the part of the persons engaged at the refineries above mentioned, of the precautions necessary for the casting solid ingots of silver, and in this connection, I do

worthy of remark that the errors always attribute an excess of weight to the ingots, which could hardly be the case if they were the result of chance; but would be the result of a partial drying.

It would, perhaps, obviate the recurrence of these inconveniences, if such portions of this letter as you deem proper, be communicated to the persons who furnished the defective ingots.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant.

T. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Min.
Washington.

Superintendent

July 21st 7

Sir.

I draw this day Check No 7183 favor J. B. Colgate & Co for $53.61 12/100 (Fifty Three Dollars) in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am Very Respy
Your Obt Servt
Loudon Snowden
Supt

Hon Thos. S. Hillhouse
Asst Treas U.S.
New York.

July 21st 9

Gentlemen.

I enclose Sight Check No 7183 to your order for Fifty three Thousand six Hundred and Fourteen 12/100 Standard Silver Dollars in payment for Silver Bullion Sold the Director of the Mint at 113 7/8 per Oz Fine.

Yours Very Respectfully
Edwin Norris
Supt

Messrs J. D. Colgate & Co
47 Wall St.
New York.

July 21st 7

Sir

I have the honor to report the Bullion Deposited at the Close of business on the 19th inst. at $5,147,985.86 Subdivided Approximately as follows, viz

Gold Coin	$ 1,364,700.50
" Bullion	1,052,180.35
Silver Coin	1,099,702.35
" Bullion	1,831,102.66
Total	$ 5,147,985.86

I am, Very Respy
Your Obdt Servt
Benj Thurber
Teller

R. E. Preston Esq
Acg Director Mint
Washington DC

Phila. July 19th 0

New York 7%

1 054 770 50
1 052 107 35
1 099 702 35
1 031 105 66

5 141 985 86

3 110 50
108 168 50
5 142 60
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17 807
396 910
302 635
213 789
3 023
37 350

Asst. Treas. U.S.
N.Y. Sub Treas.

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A. Treas. Phila.

July 21st 9

J. B. Colgate Co

New York

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July 21st 1.

Sir;

I have received by registered mail your remittance No 46, of gold bullion purchased on Government a/c, as per your letter of advices, and enclosed statements of the 18th inst.

I am

Very Respectfully Your
Obedt Servt
Supt.

Calvin J. Cowles Esq
U. S. Assayer
Charlotte, N. C.

July 21st 9

Sir.

In reply to your (C.D.L.) letter of the 19th inst, requesting the transmission to your office of a list of the officers and employees of this institution, as they will appear upon the pay-rolls on the 31st inst, I have to inform you that as soon as the rolls are arranged for the current month, the list will be prepared and forwarded as requested.

Mr. Leech was understood to state when last here, that the close of the month would be ample time for the transmission

of the list.

I am

Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt

A. Loudenbourg

14 Asst.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

July 21st 9

Gentlemen

Inclosed Check No. 7184
to your order for Two hundred and
twenty nine Thousand five hundred
and forty seven 9/100 $229,547.09 Silver Dollars, in payment for Silver Bullion
sold the Director of the Mint per Act
Jan 9. 1873

I am
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
[illegible]
Supt.

Messrs Hawley & Smith
Bankers
New York

July 21st 7

Sir

I draw this day Check No. 7184 favr Handy & Smith, for $229.54 C.C. in payment for Selon Bulletin.

Very Respectfully
Brad Snowden
Supt

Hon Thos. Hillhouse
Asst Treas U.S.
New York

July 21st 7

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New York

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Gordon Morrow

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A. Lincoln Hurdus

July 22nd. 9

Sir:-

I enclose the Assayer's report on the standard silver dollar of the coinage of this month, sent from your Mint for special assay, as required by paragraph 9, page 20 of Instructions; a standard dollar to replace the one sent is also enclosed.

I am
Very Respectfully Yours.
A. London Purdy
Supt.

Hon. H. S. Foote
Supt U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

July 22nd 71

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the report of the Assayer of this Mint reporting the Standard Silver dollar sent for special assay for the coinage of the present month at the New Orleans Mint.

Weight 412.2 grs. Fineness 898/1000.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant

E. Linderman

Superintendent

R. E. Preston, Esq

Acting Director of the Mint.

Washington.

D. C.

July 12th 79

Sir,

The letter of advice from Mr. R. B. Harrison, U.S. Assayer, Helena, Montana, which accompanied an invoice of gold bullion, contains the following passage:

"Please have returns made at your earliest convenience as I need the money most urgently in making purchases of Gold Bullion here on Govt. Ac." Mr. Harrison also states in a letter, of which I enclose a copy, that the bullion was shipped at the rate of $16.30 per M. The only instructions on file in this institution are contained in the letter of the Director Dec. 10th, 1878, in which the rate is fixed at $21 per M.

Awaiting your instructions as to the disposition of this bullion, & the payment of

the transportation thereof, I hold the memorandum of the value of the invoice, $965; $61,350.36, for subsequent transmission to your office.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
R. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent.

R. E. Preston, Esq.,
Acting Director of the Mint,
Washington,
D. C.

July 22d 9.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 21st inst, noting clerical errors in statement of receipts and purchases. This was made by the person who transcribed the statement, and did not therefore affect the [illegible] which were in accordance with your figures.

I am
Very respectfully your Obt Servt

S. Lucas Summers

Supt.

July 23rd 79

Sir,

I enclose Mems. 973 of Gold Bullions. remittance #46 from your office, to have the honor to be.

Very respectfully.
Your obedient servant
Louis Hurdis
Superintendent

Calvin J. Coombes Esq.
U. S. Assayer.
Charlotte.
N. B.

July 23rd 79

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Mem. 973 of Gold Bullion received from U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N. C.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant
Bowen Burdine
Superintendent

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint,
Washington,
D. C.

July 22nd 79

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the package of Gold Bullion sent by registered mail, as per your letter of advice, enclosing schedule, of 17th inst.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Reuben Pinkham
Superintendent.

H. Silver, Esq.
Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver,
Col.

July 2nd 1873

Sir,

I send by today's mail a book containing an alphabetical list of points to which the Express carries coin from the Mint of the U.S., with the distances as given by the Quarter masters' tables, Post-Office Guide, Ry. Railroad tables, in accordance with the contract with the Express Company for carrying for the Government.

This alphabetical list with distances thus carefully noted, has been prepared after consultation with Hon R.H. Reynolds, First Auditor, and Judge Porter, First Comptroller of the Treasury. The

understanding had with these gentlemen during my recent visit to Washington was, that they will have their distances carefully examined, and if found to be correct, approve of the same; and the present and future bills will be paid, and distances made to conform with this table.

When the distances are approved the book shall be returned to this office as a guide in making out bills.

As the Express Company have been long delayed in the payment of these bills, an early examination of the subject is most respectfully solicited.

Respectfully your Ob't Serv't

London Rhodes

Supt.

Rec'd by Secretary of War Washington D.C.

July 24th. 9

Sir

You will please prepare, with as little delay as possible, dies for the San Francisco Mint, as follows:

Standard silver dollars, Obverse, 20.
" " " Reverse, 20.
Double Eagle, Reverse 10.

Very Respectfully
John L. Lebaron.
Acting Director

Wm. Barber, Esq
Engraver

July 24 9

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst., & have to transmit herewith Memorandum No 965 - July 19 - of the Statistician, 35.32 of post-bulletin received from the U.S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, on account of the United States. I also enclose memorandum bill of the Express charges due on the same, amounting to $1010.60. The account will be acquitted here as directed in your letter.

Very Respectfully
John L. Salomé
Acting Auditor

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

July 24 9

Sir

Referring to your two letters of the 8th inst. I herewith transmit Treasurers Warrant No. 965, July 17, 1911 $61,350.36 the net value of the gold contribution shipped by you July 8, on account of the United States. The Express charges on the same, at $16.30 per M amounted to $1010.36. The balance will be transferred to our Indian Fund as usual, by order of the Director.

Very Respectfully
John L. Lebow
Acting Supt

A. B. Harrison, Esq
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Montana

July 24th 79

Sir.

In accordance with the directions contained in your letter of 23rd inst. I have caused an inspection to be made of that portion of the machinery for the New Orleans Mint which has been reported by Messrs. Dear, Hess & Morgan as ready for shipment.

I have the honor to enclose the certificate of inspection, and remain,

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John L. Leconte,
Acting Superintendent.

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint,
Washington,
D. C.

Phila. July 24th, 1877.

Maj. A. Louden Snowden
Supt. U.S. Mint, Phila.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to report that I have this day examined the Machinery (built by Messrs Kerr & Morgan) ready for shipment to New Orleans Mint, and find the same to be made of the best material and workmanship. The Shearing Machine is superior in many respects to the one in use in the Phila. Mint.

Very Respectfully Yours.

F. K. Mills.
U.S. Assay
Phila.

July 24 1

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by today's mail, of the supply of the reports of the Director of the Mint, for the fiscal year ended June 30. 1878, specified in your letter of the 23rd inst.

Very Respectfully

John L. LeConte

Acting Asst's

R. E. Preston, Esq

Acting Director Mint

Washington D.C.

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Phila July 25th 9

R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Handy and Cronise report the price of fifty thousand ounces of their silver to be one hundred and twelve ninety. Is this correct.

(paid digest)

John L. Lebaron
Acting Supt Mint

July. 25th. 9.

Sir,-

In accordance with the directions contained in the letter of 6th inst. from your office, I transmit a list of the officers and employees of this Plant.

I am

Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt.

John L. Lebonte,

Acting Supt.

W. P. Preston Esq

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington, D.C.

July 25th 9

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose Memorandum #982 of gold bullion received from the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado, value $5.900.45.

I am

Very Respectfully Your Ob't Serv't,

John L. Leconte,

Acting Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington, D. C.

July 22. 54.

Sir,-

I have the honor to enclose Memorandum # 954 of remittance of gold bullion from your Mint, received 23rd inst., value $15.900.45

I am
Very Respectfully Yours
John L. Lebonte.
Acting Supt.

H. Silver Esq
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint, Denver, Col.

July 25th 9

Sir

The following telegram sent to you this day is hereby made official;

"Standy & Veronica report the price of fifty thousand ounces of their silver to be one hundred and twelve ninety. Do this correct?"

I am
Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt
John L. LeConte.
Acting Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

July 26th 9

Sir.

I have the honor to report the approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the Close of business this day at 1.931.—
202.47 Standard Ounces.

I am

Very Respectfully Yrs.

London Branch

T. E. Chilton Esq

Acting Director of Mint

Washington

D.C.

July 26th 79

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose with this request that same may be transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, Certificate of Deposit #2021 of the 2nd. Treasurer of Philadelphia, for $25,000 being one 24th part of the average profits.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Loudon Snowden
Superintendent.

R. Co. Phelps Esq.
Acting Treasurer of the Mint.
Washington,
D. C.

July 26th 79

Sir.

I have the honor to invite your attention to the fact that the following bills, which were forwarded to your office, receipted in duplicate, according to your instructions have not yet been settled. Will you have the kindness to ask the proper disbursing officers to remit the money for the payment thereof.

Transmitted.	Articles.	Destination.
May 29th	Black Lead Crucibles:	Helena, Mont.
July 1st	Apparatus for recovering Volat. Metal:	" "
July 1st	Six dozen buckskin mitts:	New Orleans.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant.

R. M. Preston, Esq.
acting Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

A. London Snowden
Superintendent.

London Printed

Roman Numerals

July 26th

Sir

I have the honor to inclose

Boudon Smiley

(Telegram) July 26th 70

R. E. Preston
Acting Director Mint
Washington D.C.

A party having by mistake deposited Some Fifty thousand (50.000) Ounces Silver Bars for Conversion into Fine Bars now desires to have it to the Government. Will you authorize me to purchase from them at the minimum of this week Rates, viz. One Hundred and Seventy (1.1290). Answer.

Respectfully
Supt.

Sept 26th 71

Sir

I draw this day the following Checks in payment of Letters Patent viz

No. 7185, favor J. B. Colgate & Co. $44.833.33

" 7186 " Wallace & Sampson 50.496.45

" 7187 " Hanscell & Smith 112.760.51

" 7188 " White Howard & Co. 16.952.37

$ 225.532.40

I am

Very Respy

Your Obt Servt

Hon. Thos. A. Hendricks

Asst. Treas. U.S.

New York

July 26th 9

White Horse

N.Y. New York

24th inst 9

1500 26 58

1500 00 27

1295 1502 37

Stephen Brooks

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July 24th 79

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day delivered to Adams & Co. Express Co. the following dies ordered for the U. S. Mint at San Francisco by your letter of 21st 1879.

Standard Silver dollar 20 obverse
" " " 20 reverse
Double Eagle 10 reverse

I have written to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, enclosing the receipt of the Express Co for the dies.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
John L. Taylor
Acting Superintendent

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint,
Washington,
D. C.

July 28th 79

Sir.

I enclose the receipt of Adams Express Co. for a box containing the following dies ordered for the U.S. Mint at San Francisco, by letter from the office of Director of the Mint, 23d inst.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

John L. LeConte,

Acting Superintendent

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Superintendent U.S. Mint,

San Francisco.

6 cal.	Standard Silver dollars	20 obverse
	" " "	20 reverse
	Double Eagle	10 reverse

Phila. July 28 9

R. E. Preston. Acting Director of the Mint
Treasury Dept, Washington, D.C.
Should a bill sent by noon on Wednesday
offering to sell fifty thousand ounces
Silver more or less, delivered in
Philadelphia Mint, at London ~~quotation~~
quotations of that day, be in time and
in proper form? Please answer

immediately.

A. London Snowden
Supt.

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July 28th 77

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of remittance $17 [illegible] Bullions from your office, [illegible] letter of advice and memorandum of 24th inst.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[illegible]

Superintendent.

Calvin J. Rowles, Esq.,
U. S. Assayer,
Charlotte,
N. C.

July 28th 79

Sir.

Will you kindly inform me if you can issue to me a United States flag, for use at this Point, to replace the present one, which is worn out.

One of the size known as Storm Flag would be most suitable, say about 18 feet long.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant
S. Gordon Bunnell
Superintendent

Lt. John F. Rodgers.
Military Storekeeper, U.S.N.
Schuylkill Arsenal.

July 28th 9

Sir:-

You will restore Mr Nice to duty tomorrow morning, the 29th. inst.

Respectfully Yours

H. London Brooks

Supt.

Prof. James C. Booth

Melter and Refiner

July 28th 9.

Sir;

The following telegram sent to you this day, is hereby made official;

"Would a bid sent by noon on Wednesday, offering to sell fifty thousand ounces silver, more or less, delivered at Philadelphia Mint, at London quotations for that day, be in time and in proper form? Please answer immediately."

I am
Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt.
R. Bowen Snowden
Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Lenox Thomas

July 29th 87

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No 7189 to your Order for Twenty three Thousand three Hundred and Seven 57/100 Std. Silver Dollars, in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am Very Respy.

R. London Purdy
Supt.

Messrs. Laidlaw & Co.
No. 42 Pine St.
New York

July 29th '71

Sir.

I draw this day Check No 7189 to the order of Laidlaw & Co. for $23.30 72 in payment for Silver Buttons

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Lorenzo Morris
Supt.

Hon. Thos. D. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

July 27th 1

Laidlaw & Co

New York

21st inst 9

20.63°C Dry
20.63°C Wet
20.30°C Bulb

Gordon Laidlaw

July 29th 79

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a supply of Blank forms, viz: my Expense Warrants, as per advice, 28th inst.

I am very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
Boudon Snowden
Superintendent.

R. E. Preston Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington
D. C.

July 29th 79

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the Statement of Silver purchased & paid for from July 21st — 26th, 1879.

I am respectfully
Your obedient servant.

Leander Ransom
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R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington,
D. C.

July 29th 9

Sir

I herewith transmit a list of the Officers and Employees of this Institution as they will appear upon the Pay Roll of the 31st inst.

I am sir

Very Respectfully

Gordon Winkler
Supt

R. E. Preston
Acting Director
Washington
D C.

July 29th 9

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst. in relation to the difficulty of procuring silver at San Francisco and Carson City, and the necessity for a large coinage of silver dollars at this institution.

In reply I beg to submit for your consideration the following facts;

Owing to the necessity of running the institution very fully, up to the close of the fiscal year, and also the employment of nearly all the male operatives, during the suspension of operations, in the general repairs that were going on, I was not able to grant many absences during the early portion of the present month; so that under

ordinary circumstances, there would be a very large number of absences during the coming month. The need for recreation is quite manifest among the employees, as I have driven them very sharply since I assumed the superintendency.

Your instructions would require me to do a large amount of overwork, and this in the month of August would be very oppressive, and doubtless cause a good deal of sickness. I therefore would respectfully suggest, that as the amount of the coinage for the month of July, is short of the minimum required by law, owing to the necessity for repairs in the Mints and other causes, whether this shortage could not be made up in a general average of two or three months, rather than in the month of August, as I understand from your letter you desire to have done.

It is a grave question with me, and

I submit it to you, whether it is necessary to make up any deficiency in the coinage for July, since the causes which produced the same were such as the department could not control; first, the difficulty of procuring silver at fair rates for the Western Mints, - and, second, the absolute necessity of repairing the Mint at Philadelphia, to render it possible to conduct operations in the future. I may say here, that our examination into the condition of the machinery, particularly engine No. 1, clearly established the fact, that if a very full provision for repairs had not been made, that engine would have broken down and been unfit for service for at least three months to come. Indeed, in its present condition it is far from satisfactory, but the necessities of the case compelled me to limit the repairs as much as

4.

was deemed prudent.

If, in view of all the facts herewith submitted you could lessen the amount of work for August, I think you would be doing a very judicious thing; If, however, with all the facts before you, you still think it necessary for this institution to do the work named, I shall cheerfully endeavor to carry out your suggestions.

I am

Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt

Gordon Sinclair

Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

July 3rd 79

Sir.

I will be greatly obliged if you will procure for the use of the Mint one 18 ft. U.S. Flag, at contract price, as you kindly offer to do in your letter of 29th inst.

Please send me the name of the manufacturer from whom you procure flags. & I will give the order, that will enable him to be paid.

Very respectfully.
Your obedient servant
Boerstler Snowden
Superintendent

Capt. John R. Rodgers.
Military Storekeeper U.S.A.
Schuylkill Arsenal.

July 30th 79

Sir,

I will be greatly obliged if you will procure for the use of the Mint one 18 ft. U. S. Flag at contract price, as you kindly offer to do in your letter of 29th inst.

Please send me the name of the manufacturer from whom you procure flags, & I will give the order, that will enable him to be paid.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
Boyd Cowden
Superintendent

Capt. John E. Rodgers,
Military Storekeeper, U. S. Os.
Schuylkill Arsenal.

July 30th 9

Sir,

You will please make preparations for the delivery to the Coiner, of sufficient standard silver dollar ingots, to coin at the rate of $75.000. per day.

I am
Respectfully Yours
John L. Lebaron, Acting Clerk.
by order of the Superintendent

James C. Booth Esq.
Melter & Refiner

July 30th 79

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Treas. # 1008
a Specie Certificate received from U.S. Treasury
Office Charlotte, N.C. Value $9,983.83

very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant
Superintendent.

R. E. Preston Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington,
D.C.

Louisa Bromley

July 30th 79

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose herewith $2 Gold bullion received on 28th inst. from upon Assay Office, as heretofore acknowledged. Value $925.33.

Very respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

London Morrow

Cashier & Superintendent.

M. E. Savages,

Charlotte,

N.C.

July 30th 79

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the Assayer's report on a double eagle gold piece sent from the coinage of the present month at the U.S. Mint, New Orleans. La. for special assay.

Weight 516·18 grs. Fineness. Gold 899·2
Silver 9.5

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
Albert Crawley
Superintendent.

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington.

July 30th 9

Sir;-

In pursuance of the enclosed nominations by the Coiner, I have appointed the following named persons in the Coiner's department, at the per diems set opposite their respective names, and respectfully submit the same for approval under section 3304, Revised Statutes:-

William Knapp, as Cutter @ $2.90 per diem
William H. Cannon " Roller " 2.90 " " "
William R Brinton, " do " 2.90 " " "

Wm H. Brinton is now employed on the Laborer's force in the General Department, but has been serving in the Coiner's department, and he is anxious to have him transfered. I therefore conform to instructions in regard to mode of transfer, received some time since.

Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt

R. Preston Esq
Actg Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

R. London Crumley
Supt.

July 30th 1

Sir;

I have appointed Philip L. Dubosq, and George Thomas, as Laborers at $2.75 per diem, in the General department of this Mint, to date from confirmation, and respectfully submit the same for approval, under section 3011, Revised Statutes,

I am
Very Respectfully, Your Obt Servt
A. Loudon Snowden
Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D. C

July 31 79

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt, this morning, of a package of Circular letters, issued by the Secretary of the Treasury under date of October 17th 1878, in relation to the purchase of Silver bullion, and forwarded by you on the 30th Inst.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully yours

John L. Lekonte.

Acting Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq.

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C

July 31st 1.

Sir

You will please have prepared as soon as practicable for use at the Mint at New Orleans, the following viz;

1 Standard gauge for golds – for punches
1 Mill holder to take collars
1 dozen Mills for same.

Yours respectfully

Acting Superintendent

Mr Saml James
Foreman Machine Shop
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

July 31 9

Sir

You will please have prepared as soon as practicable for use at the Mint at New Orleans, the following, viz;

12 Obvers Standard Silver dollar dies - length 1 15/16 in.

8 Revers " " " " 2 7/64 "

Very respectfully

John L. Lefevre.

Acting Superintendent

Wm Barber Esq.

Engraver U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Pa

John L. Lebonte
Act.

John L. Lalonde,
Clerk Chief

July 30. 7

Sir,

Enclosed herewith I have the honor to transmit the Coiner's Report of the Coinage executed at this Mint during the current month, July, 1797.

I am, Very Respectfully,
Your obedient Servant
John L. Taylor.
Acting Supt

A. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Treasurer of the Mint
Washington D.C.

July 31 1

Sir,

Referring to your letter (A.W.W.) of the 29th inst. I have the honor to enclose Receipt No 2293 from the Asst Treas. U.S. at Phila for $27.30, the bullion value of $33. in Mutilated Silver Coin received from you on the 16th inst.

I beg you to pardon my delay in attending to this matter, and to state that it has not been the fault of any one in the operating department. The amount has been ready for several days, but as the information was communicated to me verbally when I was occupied with other business, it escaped my memory.

money.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
John L. Lebaron
Acting Supt

Hon. James Gilfillan
Treasury U.S.
Washington D.C.

July 31. 9

Sir,

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly Countersigned Examination of the Monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following results

Gold	$1,855,631.07
Silver	1,493,270.23
Refining & Parting Dp	536.98
Ordinary Dp regular	4,467.53
Mint Coinage Dp	61,861.55
Mint Coin Exchanged	5,456.67
Do Do. Redeemed	36,796.00
Do Do Redemption	221,833.88
Total	$3,377,854.24

Very Respectfully

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Acting Asst'

July 31st 99

Sir:

I have the honor to report the Building Fund at the close of business this day at $5.532.610.91. Subdivided approximately as follows viz

Gold Coin	$ 1.557.610.41
" Bullion	1.888.000.50
Silver Coin	1.087.000.00
" Bullion	1.090.000.00
Total as above	5.532.610.91

I am

Very respectfully Your
obedient Servant

Asst. Cashier

Chief Clerk

R. E. Preston Esq,
Chief Director of the Mint
Washington

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at Philada July 3/0 79

	1 557 618 441
	1 088 190 50
Mf. Gc	1 491 229 91
	1 394 497 209
	5 532 610 91

259 040 —	356 —
117 240 —	10 702 —
396 905 —	529 617
202 192.50	1 238 620 —
213 700 —	
27 944 —	
633 091	
Mf. Gc with 40 ms	
Lbo Stores	140 538 72
1 557 618 441	1 491 229 91

John L. Lesconte
acting

Aug 14 79

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 1st a Statement of Mint & Assay Coinage operations for the month ending July 31st 1879.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient Servt.

Superintendent.

R. E. Preston Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Aug. 1st 79

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose Mem. #1019 of Gold bullion received from the U. S. Assay office, Helena, Montana. Value #52,009,95. less Express charges #853,71.

Very respectfully.
Your obedient servant
Lordon Snowden
Superintendent.

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D. C.

Aug 1st 79

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose Mem. 1019 of Gold Bullion received from your office, as previously acknowledged. Value $52,009,95. less Express charges $53,71.

Very respectfully.
Your obedient servant.
Loudon Snowden
Superintendent.

Russell B. Harrison. Esq.
U.S. Assayer.
Helena.
Montana.

Aug. 1st 9

Sir,

I have information that Mrs Wilson employed in your department is quite sick. You will be kind enough to see that she has leave of absence granted from Monday next.

I am

Very Respectfully

Yours

Lyght.

C. C. Campbell Esq

Comd.

Aug 2nd 79

Aug 2 79

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit the following reports:

1. Statement of Earnings & Expenditures for the month ending June 30th 1879

2. Statement of do. for fiscal year ending do.

3. Balance Sheet. June 30th 1879.

4. Chairman's Log. Abstract for July 1879.

5. Comparative Statement of Earnings during week ending Aug 2nd 79

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

Alexander Morrison

Alexander Morrison

Jr.

Asst. Engr. in charge.

Geological Survey of Ohio.

Washington, D. C.

Aug 2nd 79

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose Cert. of Deposite with the U. S. Asst. Treasurer at Philadelphia, for $530.$\frac{86}{100}$ being the unexpended balance of Incidental $\frac{1}{4}$ of fiscal year ending June 30th 1879.

Have the kindness to transmit the same to the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant

Superintendent.

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D. C.

Aug 2d 79

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Supplemental a/c. of Ordinary Expenses for the month of June 1879

I am

Very Respectfully Your
obt Servt
S. Gordon Porter
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R. E. Preston Esq
Actg Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Cincy 2d 79

Sir:

I have the honor to report the approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day, to be 1.681.963 88 — Standard Ounces —

I am

Very respectfully Your

obt. Servt.

Rudolph Burdon

Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq

Asst. Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Aug 2d 79

Sir;

I draw on you this day, check No 7190 - for $26.468.77 - St. Lawrence Dredge, favor Mech. & M. Saginaw Co, Mich. in payt for Dredge Lawrence.

Yours Very Respectfully

Duncan Mowday

Supt.

Asst. Engr. U.S.

New York

Aug. 2nd 9

Sir:

In pursuance of the enclosed nomination of the Coiner, I have appointed P. J. Randall, as an Annealer in the Coiner's department of this Mint, @ $3.00 per diem, to date from confirmation, and respectfully submit the same for approval, under Section 3504, Revised Statutes. Mr Randall is transferred from the Minor Redemption work, where he is employed as Counter, to the annealing furnaces.

I am
Very Respectfully, Your Ob't Serv't
A. Loudon Snowden
Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acty Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Aug. 2nd 9.

Sir;-

My attention is directed to the fact that ladies in the Adjusting Room are in the habit of informing their friends when vacancies occur, or are likely to occur, in this institution, and thus bring additional pressure and annoyance upon me for place.

I desire you to inform the ladies in the room that the next instance that comes under my observation, where persons have given such information, I will immediately remove the offender from her situation, and thus create a vacancy, which will enable me to oblige some other individual, whom I hope will be more considerate.

I am
Respectfully Yours
A Lincoln Lawder
Supt

O. C Boutwell Esq
Coiner

August 2 79

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt this morning of the blanks, specified in your letter of the 1st inst., for Estimates of Appropriations required for the service of this Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1881; and will forward the Estimates punctually within the time stated in your letter.

I am, Very Respectfully
Your obdt. Servt
A. London Snowden
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

August 4th 79

Sir,

Fearing that you may think that there is unusual delay in making returns for your invoices # 1475 of gold bullion, received on July 5th last. I write to inform you that the whole working power of this Mint has been given to the coinage of Silver Standard dollars since the receipt of your invoices.

As soon as the requirements of the law regarding silver coinage & the directions of our superior officers will permit, I shall send the gold coins representing your bullion; meanwhile remain.

Respectfully yours

Boerdon Smedley

Superintendent.

R. M. Acton, Esq.

U. S. Assay Office

New York.

Helena M.T. August 4th 73.

Sir.

As authority for the shipment of certain packages of supplies for the U.S. Mint at Denver, Col.T. & the U.S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, I have the honor to communicate to you extracts from two letters of R. E. Preston, Acting Director of the Mint. dated Washn. D.C. July 14th & 18th:

"Since the supplies are furnished by several different parties, & in part have in part to be constructed at this Mint. I am not yet prepared to send you complete invoices. I have called on the parties furnishing the articles for full memorandum of the marks, nature & weight of each package, so that when the orders are entirely filled, I

will be able to make the proper invoices to you. & to take your receipts in returns, as vouchers for the settlement of the bills.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John L. Lebonte,
Acting Superintendent.

Capt. J. H. Lord, U.S.A.
Asst. Quarter Master
Philadelphia.

Copy

Treasury Dept.
Office of the Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C. July 18th 1872

Sir:-

I have to request that you will purchase for the use of the U.S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, the following supplies, viz; × × × ×
× × × × × × × × × × × × × × × × ×

I will thank you to cause these supplies when purchased, to be securely packed and delivered to Capt J. H. Ford, Asst Quarter Master, in your city, transmitting accounts in duplicate for the same to this office for settlement.

Very Respectfully,
(Sig) R. E. Preston
Dirctr

A true extract.
John L. LeConte,
acting Supt

A. London Snowden Esq
Supt. U.S. Mint
Philada

Copy

Washington D.C. July 17 1879

Sir;-

I have to request that you will procure for the use of the Mint of the U.S. at Denver, Colorado, the following supplies, viz:-

× × × × × × × × × × ×

As the Mint at Denver is in need of these supplies, I have to request that you will procure and deliver the same to Capt J. H. Lord, Asst Quartermaster in your city, for shipment as early as practicable, transmitting the accounts for the same in duplicate to this office for settlement accompanied by Capt Lord's receipt.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director

(sig)
a true extract
John L. LeConte
acting Supt

A. London Snowden Esq
Supt U.S. Mint
Philada

Aug. 4th 79

Sir,

In accordance with a letter of the acting Director of the Mint of 29th ult. I forward to your city Adams Express as here commanding:

12 obverse Standard Silver dollar dies. 1 15/16 inches
12 reverse " " " " 2 7/64 "

The Express receipt is enclosed.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Gordon Norrell
Superintendent.

Hon. H. R. Foote,
Acting U. S. Mint,
New Orleans,
La.

Respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
B. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent,

August 4th 79

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of remittances #48 & 49 of Gold bullion from your office, as per letter of Dir. & schedules of 1st inst.

#48 weight 44.33 ozs.

#49 " 26.77 ozs.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Louden Snowden

Supt.

Calvin J. Bowles, Esq.

U. S. Assayer.

Charlotte.

N. C.

Aug 4th 9

Sir,

I have appointed Charles Bennett as Counter in the General department of this Mint @ $2.75 per diem, in place of T. J. Randall, transferred to the Coining department, - to date from confirmation, and respectfully submit the same for approval, under Section 3004 Revised Statutes.

I am
Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt.
Roman Mowday
Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D. C.

Aug 4th 79

Sir;

I draw on you this day check No 7191 for $49.213.06 favor A. P. K. Safford, Pres. and check No 7192 for $6.560.80, favor Hospe Kendy & Cronise, both payable in St Louis Exchange for Silver Dollars and oblige,

Yours

Very Respectfully Yours

S. Louden Knowles

Cashier

Asst Cash

New York

Chicago Ill. 9

Cincinnati Ohio

New York.
July 31st 9

$10,717.16
50.691.07
66.663.81

111.00

Aug 4th 9

J. G. Schlegman Hsq

(New York

Sub 3rd 9

23.7/19.10

23.6/5.10

111 80 26.468.7/7

August 5th 79.

Sir:-

I have the honor to transmit herewith the oaths of office of the following persons recently appointed to positions in this Mint:

Philip L. Duboeg. Laborer
George Thomas do.
William Knapp Cutter
W. H. Cannon Roller

I am
Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt
John L. Leconte
Acting Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D. C.

Aug 5th 9

N. P. K. Seaford

Treat

July 31st 9.

50.395.80

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1.11 80

449.5409.04

2.51.07

1.33.11

60.05

charge for [illegible] 18.06.

John L. Lebaron.
Acting

Aug 7th 09

Potter & Davenport

New York

July 21st 09

10.195.77

99.93.97

1.11 cc 11.162.65

Less Melting Charges of 99c

Check for Net Amount $11.161.09

Hunter Saunders

Sir;

August 7 79

Sir,

I herewith transmit, for the Secretary of the Treasury, C/K, of this date, No. 5037, from the Ass't Treasurer U.S. at Phila, in the ~~Post~~ name, for $355, in account of old machinery sold. If it is not properly endorsed, I will thank you to give me the correct form of endorsement in such cases.

Very Respectfully

John L. Latrobe

Acting Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington, D.C.

August 7. 79

Sir

Enclosed herewith I transmit the following Memorandum of Gold Bullion received by registered mail from the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. on account of the United States:

No. 1047, August 4. 1879, — $754.53.
" 1048, do do, — 469.38

Very Respectfully
John L. Lebarte.
Acting Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D. C.

August 7 79

Sir,

I herewith transmit the following Memorandums of Gold Bars received from your Office on account of the United States.

No. 1047, August 4. 1879, $754.53
" 1048, do do $469.38

Very Respectfully
John L. Lebonte.
Acting Supt

Calvin J. Rowles, Esq
Assayer in Charge
Mint Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Aug. 7th 9

My dear Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 6th inst. I beg to say that a letter favorable to the purchase of your collection was forwarded from this office to Washington on the 5th inst. I have again written on the subject this morning, and hope for an early reply.

I am
Very Respectfully Yours

Supt

Lieut Commdg Gorringe
Care Pittman & Collins
112 Wall St
New York

Informal. Aug 7th 1

My dear Sir.-

During my absence at the sea shore on the 5th inst, where I went to see one of my children who is sick, Dr Le Conte wrote you in relation to the collection of Cyrenean coins, presented here with your letter by Lieut Commanding Jennings, U.S. Navy, which I had given hasty examination, to previous to my departure. A letter from the Lieut. this morning seems to indicate that there is a good deal of pressure upon him in New York for the purchase of this collection. I therefore write to say that if there is any means of expedition,

the matter at Washington, I shall be glad if you will co-operate in pushing it to a speedy conclusion.

I think it important that this collection should be procured for the Mint Cabinet. Indeed, I think a much more liberal spirit should be manifested towards the Cabinet than has heretofore prevailed. Our collection in many respects is deficient, - even in our own coinage. I hope to induce the proper authorities at some future time, to take up this whole question, and give us power to improve the specimens by judicious exchange with Collectors in our community.

I am

Very respectfully your friend & Servt.

Dr. S. Preston Esq.
Asst. Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

Landon Ross

August 8: 79

U. S. Bunting Co,

Lowell, Mass.

Gentlemen,

I cannot pay for the post flag, furnished to the Mate, through Capt John R. Rodgers U.S. Military Storekeeper, in this city, until you send me a bill for the same, in duplicate, against the Mate, receipted by the proper Officers of your Company. You will also please sign or return the receipt at the foot of the enclosed Warrant, leaving the date to be filled after it gets here, and inform me how I shall send you the money.

I am, Very Respectfully,

Your obd't Serv't

Supt

August 8. 79

Sir,

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst. I have the honor to state that your P.O. Money Order of July 26th duly came to hand, and, in compliance with your request, the Draft has been carefully assayed, but did not contain any gold or Silver.

I am, Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Supt

D. W. Reiser, Esq
Delphos
Allen Co Ohio

August 8. 77

Sir,

I herewith forward Statement of Silver purchased at this office from July 28 to August 2. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Louis Hundley

Supt

H. E. Pearson, Esq

Asst Treas U.S.

Washington D.C.

79

Sir.

In reply to your letter of 5th inst. enquiring about the coinage of silver dollars of 1858, I have to answer, that none were issued for general circulation in that year. A small number were struck for proof sets of coins, & a few more as specimens, one of which is in the Cabinet of this Mint.

Our records, unfortunately, do not show the number of proof sets sold. It is quite possible that some purporting to be of that date offered for sale may be alterations from the coins of other years, as slight changes have been not unfrequently made in the dies of other rare coins, in order to

after by collectors.

Very respectfully yours

Reuben Burdick
Supt

Messrs. Scott & Co.
146 Fulton St.
New York.

Aug. 8th 79

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose duplicate invoices of two consignments of crucibles, one contained in three casks for Denver Mint, the other in a cask and a hop for the Helena Assay Office.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant

Superintendent

Col. D. H. Rucker,
Asst Q-M. General, U.S.A.
Philadelphia

August 8th 79

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith my a/c of Refining Expenses for the Month of July 1879.

I am

Very Respectfully Yours

Supt

R. E. Preston Esq.

Actg Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Aug 9th 67

Sir.

I have the honour to enclose herewith a correct balance sheet for the Fe Bank year ended June 30th 1867, and while I am about you to substitute for that forwarded to you on the 25th ult. I will thank you to [illegible]

Aug 9th 71

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose C.O. No. 5038 for $ 38.03, Refining Charges deposited this day for the month of July. 1871. Please transmit the same to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully
John L. Lalonde.
A.S. Supt

R. E. Preston Esq.
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 9. 79

Sir,

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury in favor of the Superintendent of this Mint, for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.) to meet expenditures for the Refinery for the current Month, on account of the appropriation for Parting and Refining Bullion; with which the Superintendent is to be charged and held accountable, under his Bond dated February 17. 1879.

Very Respectfully
Your Obd't Serv't

John P. Slaute.
Acting Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

August 9 79

Sir,

I herewith transmit Report of Coinage Executed for the week ending this day, August 9.

Very Respectfully
Your obd't Serv't
John L. Lebaron,
Acting Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Aug 9

L. B. Coggeshall

New York

Aug 31 9.

36.620.70

35.944.74

1223 40.32.72

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J. W. Seligman & Co

New York
Aug 9th 9

28.383.35
28.347.11
32.366.49

7/11220

John L. Lalonde.
Acting

August 6th 79

Sir;

I have the honor to report the approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day to be 1,724,684.86 Standard Ounces.

Very Respectfully
John L. Lebaute.
Acting Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Aug 9th 79

Sir;

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[illegible]

[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
7/194	$1,568.00	Hardy Hemis
7/195	[illegible]	[illegible]
7/196	[illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible] for Silver Bow [illegible]

Yours

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Hon Thos [illegible]

Esq for Mt.

Supt

Aug. 11th 79

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose the report of the Assayer upon the Standard silver dollar sent for special Assay. from the first delivery at the New Orleans Mint during the present month.

Weight 412.4 grs. Fineness 900.5.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant.
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent.

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington,
D. C.

Aug. 11th 79

Sir.

I enclose the report of the Assayers upon the Standard silver dollar from the first delivery of August at your Mint.

I return another dollar in place of the one sent for special Assay.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant

A. Loudon Snowden

Supt.

Hon. H. S. Foote.

Supt U. S. Mint.

New Orleans.

La.

Aug. 11th 79

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt by registered mail of the two remittances of gold bullion, as per your letters of advice and schedules of 4th & 5th inst.

I regret to say that in consequence of the great weight of the contents one end of the box containing two bars was much dented, & in the other box one end was somewhat loosened.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant.

H. Silver, Esq.
Assayer-in-Charge.
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Superintendent

Aug. 11th 79

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of remittance #50 of gold bullion as per letter of advice & memorandum from your office, of 8th inst.

Weight 60.45 oz.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant.

Superintendent.

L. J. Knowles, Esq.
U. S. Assayer,
Charlotte,
N. C.

Aug. 11th 79

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by Express, of the two remittances of gold bullion as per your letters & advices & schedules of 19th & 29th July.

I am, respectfully,
Your obedient servant
Gordon Thurlay
Superintendent.

Russell B. Harrison, Esq.
Treasurer in charge.
Helena,
Montana.

Aug 11th 79

Sir,

I herewith return to you Mems. 965 of remittance of gold bullion from your office, which you sent me in your letter of 2nd inst. for correction.

The clerical error in amount of silver coin in the bottom of the mem, has been corrected, as I regret that it has occurred.

Your estimate of express charges is however based upon the value of the bullion as ascertained at the Mint, while the Company claims freight on the invoiced value, $61,600. amounting to $1005 05/100, which was actually deducted from the remittance. The sum of $1010 3/100 mentioned in the letter from this Mint of Nov 24th, was the calculation of the Express

Agent, who, as authorized under the former contract, charged the fractions over $61,000 as a full thousand.

The corrections as now given you were made in accordance with a notice subsequently received from the Director of the Mint.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant.

Boyden Sparkes
Superintendent.

Russell B. Harrison, Esq.
Messenger-in-Charge.
Helena,
Montana.

August 11th 77

Sir

In compliance with the request in your letter of the 5th inst, I have had prepared and forward this day by Adams Express, One gold Life Saving Medal of the 2nd class, engraved as directed, and Case for the same and enclose herewith duplicate receipted bills for the Medal, Case and engraving amounting to $62.50 in gold and $4.00 in currency, which have been paid out of the Medal Fund

I also enclose duplicate vouchers, which please Sign and return to this Office

Very respectfully

Sumner Increase Kimball
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D. C

August 11th 9

Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 8th inst, asking for a statement of old machinery sold at this Mint and the prices, I enclose a statement of the same, - but as the articles were sold in one lot to the highest bidder, no price can be attached to each of the articles sold, - the whole lot being lumped and sold in that manner.

I may here add that most of the old machinery was worth, in my judgment, no more than old iron. We had five bids, ranging from $100 up to $355, which bid was $60 higher than the next bid below it.

I am
Very Respectfully Your Obt. Svt
A. Loudon Snowden
Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington

Aug 11th 79

Sir;

I have the honor to report the "Bullion Fund" at the close of business on the 9th inst. at $5,948,602.69 subdivided approximately, as follows viz:

Gold Coin	1,537,871.40
" Bullion	1,219,157.82
Silver Coin	1,961,319.88
" Bullion	1,230,253.59
Total as above	$5,948,602.69

I am

Very Respectfully Yours

Lyndon Irwin

Asst

R. E. Preston Esq
Actg Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Amt Ledger Balances, 9th

79

153 7871 40
121 9187 82
190 1319 86
123 0253 59

594 5602 69

240 640 —	321 50
147 970 —	106 961 75
896 450 —	5281 84
213 632 —	151 6149 —
202 4425 —	~~~~
2917 —	~~~~
6 886 40	~~~~
~~	Amt of warrants & Stock Notes 332 542 79
153 787 1 40	196 131 986

Lindsay Swords
24

Aug 11th 79

Sir;

I draw on you this day check No 7197 for $22795.88 - favor Mess.rs Handy & Bronis, also check No 7198 - for $28.560.01. favor Caldwell Hess & Co. payable in Old Silver Dollars for Silver Bullion purchased.

Yours

Very Respectfully

Gordon Hurtley

Supt

New Inca Hillhouse

Asst Treas U.S.

N.Y.

Aug 11th 9

Handy & Harman

Newport

Aug 25th 9

102.384.10

102.168.92

$1225 114.664.18

Aug 1st 9

Cleveland & Co

New York

Aug 7th 9

26.800.75

25.767.87

28.860.01

7.12

A. Cleveland Gardner

Aug 12th 79

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose the Statement of Silver purchased from Aug. 4th to 9th, 1879.

Very respectfully.
Your Obedient servant
Landon Ewer Lee
Superintendent.

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint,
Washington,
D. C.

August 12th 79

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the Statement of Gold & Silver of domestic production deposited during July, 1879; also, Statement of deposits & purchases of Gold & Silver bullion during the same month.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Gordon Burdey
M.
Superintendent.

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington,
D. C.

Aug 12th 9

Sir,-

I have appointed Frances McClusky as Laborer in the general department of this Mint at $2.00 per diem, to date from confirmation, and respectfully submit the same for approval, under Section 3 so 4, Revised Statutes.

I am

Very Respectfully Yours

S. Loudon Snowden

Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington, D.C.

August 12th 9.

Sir,-

I have the honor to transmit herewith the oath of office of Charles Bennett, recently appointed to a position in this Mint.

I am
Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt
A Loudon Snowden
Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

Aug 12th 79

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose herewith my a/c of Ordinary Expenses for the Month of July 1879.

Same

Very Respectfully Your

Obdt Servt

R. E. Preston Esq
Actg Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 13th 79

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Draft No. 88028 on Treasury Warrant No. 2062, for $39,500 for expenses of this Mint during August 1879.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent.

Hon. James G. Gilfillan,
Treasurer of the U.S.
Washington,
D. C.

Aug. 13th 77

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the following memorandas of remittances of gold bullion received at this Mint:

Mem. 107 $1072 from U. S. Assay Office, Helena, M. T. with mem. E. & exp. charges.
" 1075 from U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N. C.
" 1078 from U. S. Mint, Denver, Col.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
Lorenzo Thomas
Superintendent

R. M. Preston, Esq.,
Acting Director of the Mint,
Washington,
D. C.

Aug. 13th 79

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Mems. 1071, & 1072 of Gold bullions received from your office, as per letters of advice & schedules of 19th & 29th July, 1879.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Gordon Rowley

Superintendent

Russell B. Harrison Esq.
U. S. Assayer.
Helena
Montana

Aug. 13th 79

Sir

I have the honor to enclose Mem. 1075 of remittance #50 of Gold Bullion from your office, as per letter of advice & Mem. of 8th inst.

I am very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Thomas Sorrows
Superintendent

Calvin J. Bowles. Esq.
U. S. Assayer,
Charlotte,
N. C.

Aug. 13th 79

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose Mems. 1076 & 1077 of Gold bullion received from your Mint, as per your letters of advice & schedules of 2nd & 4th inst.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant
Gordon Sumner
Superintendent

H. Silver, Esq.
Assayer in Charge.
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo

Aug 11th 9.

Sir;

In reply to yours of 13th inst enclosing half-dollar of 1839, I beg to return the same, with the statement that it is a genuine piece, - and a most excellent specimen. The only fault it has is, that the dies were a little out of centre, as you will notice on the reverse.

It is a difficult thing to get as good a specimen as this, and if the person having it has no particular use for it, I would like to have it for our Cabinet.

I am

Very Respectfully, Your Obt Servt

Gordon Mumford

Jr Supt

R. E. Preston Esq

Act'g Director of the Mint.

Washington, D.C.

Aug. 14th 79

Sir,

Two gentlemen called this morning to enquire further about Kemmey porcelain pots offered for sale to the Government. They told me that on the 29th ult. a letter from D. R. Barringer in relation to the subject had been forwarded from your office to this Mint. As no record can be found of its reception, I write to enquire if this statement is correct.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Superintendent.

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

Aug. 14th 79

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith 97 oz of Gold Bullion, received from the U. S. Assay Commission, Feb 17. It would have been forwarded with my yesterday, but was not quite ready at the close of business hours.

Very respectfully,
your obt. servant,
Superintendent.

Hon. Geo. Boutwell,
Acting Director of the Mint,
Washington,
D. C.

August 14th 79

Sir.

I have the honor to inclose duplicate invoices of a consignment of chemicals required for the U.S. Assay Office, Helena, Montana.

They are contained in eight (8) barrels, & lists & prices, which are now at the Government Chemical Works of Messrs. Savage, Stovell, Tattersall & Pierce, Ltd. Salt Lake City. If you can obtain for your mint, or if more convenient, will be delivered here. Upon receipt of the same, you may order payment.

Respectfully

Your obedient servant

Gordon Sproules

Superintendent

Public Property 14th

August 9 Col. D. H. Rucker, Assistant
-General, Philadelphia
Russell B. Harrison, U.S. Treasurer
Office. Helena Montana.

(B)

2	barrels	Fused Borax
3	"	Boric acid
1	"	Fused Carbonate Soda
2	"	Nitrate of Soda
3	boxes	Oil of Vitriol
3	"	Muriatic acid
1	"	Oil of Vitriol
		Muriatic acid
7	"	Nitric acid
1	"	Cargals & Nitric acid

Brinton Rhodes
Superintendent

Aug. 14th 9.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of 7th inst. enclosing copies of letters from the Secretary of the Treasury, and from the Acting Postmaster General, I had forwarded by registered mail, to the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco, $5.000. in nickle coin. I write to say that the Postmaster in this city, required me to pay for the registration in the usual form 10¢ for each package. Formerly registration was paid for by official stamps, and I cannot see why, since official stamps have been superseded by the "Penalty" stamp, it should not take the place of the other stamps. If, however, we are compelled to pay for

registration, to what age. should the expense be charged? Before, however, acceeding to this, I think a correspondence should be had with the Post Office Department, so that their rulings may, if possible, be made to allow such packages to pass through without the formal payment of the registration, and simply upon the "Penalty" stamp" being placed thereon, instead of the official stamps of the Department formerly used.

I am

Very Respectfully Yours

Loudon Snowden

Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington, D. C.

August 15 79

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst, enclosing Draft No 87,786 on Asst Treasurer U. S. at New York for $66.50 in payment of bill for One Gold Life Saving Medal, Case and engraving forwarded from this office on the 11th Inst.

Very respectfully
S. Lorain Thomas
Superintendent

W. D. O'Connor Esq.
Acting General Supt
U. S. Life Saving Service
Treasury Department
Washington D.C.

Aug. 15th 79

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of remittance #51, gold bullion from your office, as per letter of advice & memorandum of 13th inst.
Weight 64.25 oz.

I am very respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant
London Towles
Superintendent.

Calvin J. Towles, Esq.
U. S. Assayer,
Charlotte,
N. C.

Aug, 16th 79

Sir,

I draw on you this day, Check No 7199 for $180.000.00 - favor Treps Handy & Cruise payable in Std Silver Dollars for Silver Bullion purchased

I am

Yours Very Respectfully

Treas

Asst Treas U.S.

NY.

August 16th 79 —

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the Coiner's report of coinage executed during the week ending August 16th 1879.

I am respectfully,
your obedient servant
Logan Bowden
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esqr.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington
D. C.

Aug 16th 79

Hon James Gilfillan, Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir

Treasurer letter number 1729 ordering one thousand standard dollars for Lexington Savings bank, Lexington, Kentucky, was filled. Lexington Savings bank replies does not belong to them. Should it be Lexington Missouri, Answer.

A. London Snowden Supt.

Aug 15th 9

Sir,

Respectfully referring to your letter of 25th ult, in which you state that a draft, in favor of Edward S. Caleby for $17.62, sent under cover to me, but returned by me with the remark that the draft was evidently sent by mistake; and in which you further state that the Treasurer will return to me the draft in favor of Mr Caleby, I would say, that the draft has not been returned to me, as yet, and may have escaped the memory of the disbursing officer.

At the time I returned the draft, under the misapprehension that it had been sent in error, I was not aware of the name of the party who had made the patterns for the apparatus, and as the other

bills had been settled in a different manner, as I afterwards learned by your letter of the 28th ult., there was nothing to recall the fact or the person to my memory.

I am
Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt
S. Lucas Saunders
Lt & Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D. C.

August 16th 79

Sir,

For the purpose of relieving the vaults of this Mint, which are greatly overcrowded with the coins, I have the honor to request that you will ask the Secretary of the Treasury to direct the transfer of $400,000 Standard Silver; the same to be placed to the a/c of Profits on coinage of Standard Silver, with the U. S. Assistant Treasurer at Phila.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant

Superintendent.

R. E. Preston, Esq.,
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D. C.

August 16 79

Sir,

Referring to "Estimate Circular" of July 15. 1879, accompanying the blanks specified in your letter of the 1st inst, I have the honor to request that you will forward to me, at your earliest convenience, a printed copy of the Estimates for the Department, submitted to the last session of Congress. It is needed there for reference.

I am, Very Respectfully,
Your obt Servt
A. London Snowden
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Aug 1863 9

Brooklyn & Dawes Bors

Aug 1863 9

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Aug 16th 9

Randy Hennis

Hennefork

Aug 11th 9

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193.680.91

225.519.62

Hansen Brooks

Aug. 16th 9.

Sir:

In pursuance of the enclosed nomination by the Assayer, I have appointed Mr. Samuel S. Hartranft in the Assay department of this Mint as Weigher @ 3.50 per diem, to date from confirmation, and respectfully submit the same for approval, under section 3544, Revised Statutes.

I am
Very Respectfully Your Obt Svt
A. Loudon Snowden
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Actg Director of the Mint
Washington, D. C.

May 16th. 9.

Sir:

In pursuance of the enclosed nominations by the Coiner, I have appointed Miss R. C. Guane, Miss Lorenza Schmitz, Mary A. Griger, Mrs Daniel Scott, Mrs Matilda Watkins Scott, and Lina M. Prentice, as Adjusters, in the Coiner's department of this Mint (a) $1.75 per diem, to date from confirmation, and respectfully submit the same for approval under Section 3504, Revised Statutes.

I am

Very Respectfully, Your Ob't Serv't

Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Act'g Director of the Mint
Washington, D. C.

Aug. 16th 79.

Sir,-

In reply to yours of the 15th inst I beg to say, that it has been customary to receive at this institution all foreign coins, gold and silver, from your office, at your assay. The copper alloy rule does not apply to such cases. Likewise we will take fine bars, British, French, or any other, at the assay of the New York Office. Our reports can issue as soon as the lots are received and weighed here.

I am

Very Respectfull, Yours

Thos. Egleston

Supt

Hon. Thos. M. Acton

Supt U. S. Assay Office

New York

Aug 16th 9.

Sir:

The following telegram sent to you this day is hereby made official.

"Transfer Letter St 1729, Aug. 12th, ordering one thousand standard dollars for Lexington Savings Bank, Lexington, Kentucky, was filled. Lexington Savings Bank requires it was sent today to them. Should it be Lexington Kentucky."

I am
Very Respectfully Yours.
S. Bowles
Jr.

Hon. James Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S. Washington D.C.

Aug. 16th 79

Dear Sir,-

I desire again to direct your attention to the subject of vaults over the Public Walk. As you and Superintending Architect Hill, were through the building a few days since, you noted the absence of what may be considered a town vault. The operation of fixing vaults entirely too small for this purpose. I call them vaults for a better name, although they are in reality but 8 inch brick walls, through which any person can drive an aperture large enough for a man's body, within thirty minutes. These vaults have been entirely entrusted

In other words the present demand upon the offices, renders their vaults entirely too small for the purposes for which they are used. I propose that one of the Coiner's vaults shall be merged into a vault in another room, which is under the control of the Superintendent, and which I can dispense with. The Melter and Refiner's vault is alike inadequate.

Our great difficulty however, at the present time is room to store subsidiary silver, standard silver dollars awaiting shipment, and minor coins of the United States.

I would respectfully suggest that the present store room in the southeastern end of the Building, be converted into a substantial and secure vault, such as is in the Sub-Treasury in this city, and which I visited with you a few days since

The necessity for a storeroom is absolute, and I therefore would suggest that the open space under the front steps in the building, be converted into such a room, properly aired, and lighted.

I hope the pressing wants of this institution will not longer be overlooked and that the attention of the proper officers may be directed to our needs.

It can be said with truth, that there is no Bank in the United States, no matter how small, or insignificant, that is not better supplied with facilities for securing its deposits, precious metals, and securities, than this institution. The vaults in which millions of dollars of gold and silver and base coins are stored, are really nothing but brick closets, and in some

cases where the minor coins are stored, they have wooden doors. We have to depend almost absolutely upon the vigilance of our watchmen for the security of the institution. I beg that you will give immediate attention to the subject, and that practical results may follow.

I am
Very Respectfully Yours.
R. Preston Loomis
Supt.

John McArthur Jr. Esq
Architect, Philadelphia.

Aug. 18th 61

Sir

I draw this day Check No. 1002 to the order of J & W. Seligman & Co, for $83,879.21, in payment for Silver Bullion.

Sam, Sir,

Very Respectfully

Horatio Seymour

Sept.

Hon. Thos. D. Hutchinson
Asst Treas U.S.
New York

Aug 18 79

Sir,

I have the honor to report the "Bullion Fund" at the close of business on the 16th inst at $5.820.827.70 — subdivided approximately as follows, viz:

Gold Coin	1.528.784.41
" Bullion	1.229.145.30
Silver Coin	1.992.301.81
" Bullion	1.070.284.18
Total as above	$5.820.827.70

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Very Respectfully Yours
R. Wilson Thornton
Supt

L.C. Preston Esq
Actg Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

at Philadelphia Aug 10th 79

1528 72 41
1229 145 00
1992 301 81
1070 214 19

5820 52 70

364 70
106 675
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1992 301 81

Respectfully
Washington

Aug. 18th 9.

Sir,-

In reply to yours of the 16th inst, referring to a letter received from the Supt. of the Assay Office in New York, in relation to the receipt of fine British, and French bars, I beg to enclose you copy of a letter sent from this office to the Supt. at New York, in reply to one from him upon the same subject.

I am

Very Respectfully Your Obt Svt

Landon Pindar

Supt

R.E. Preston Esq

Actg Director of the Mint

Philadelphia Pa.

Chicago, Ill. 18th 79

Sir:-

I have the honor to inform you that I have appointed J. D. Kemp, as Melter & Refiner, in the Melting & Refining Department of the Mint @ $3. per diem, to date from confirmation, and respectfully submit the same for approval, under Section 3514, Revised Statutes.

I am

Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt

A. Loudon Snowden

Supt

R. E. Preston Esq

Secy Treasy of the Mint

Washington, D.C.

Dec 15th 6

Sir

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of inst, enclosing the communications of Mr Nolan, Supt. of the U.S. Assay Office, Mr Perry, the Assayer, and Mr Mann, the Melter and Refiner of the same institution, on the occurrence of selenium in bars of bullion, I have the honor to return the documents, in accordance with your request, and to add thereto the remarks of Mr Booth, the Mint Melter & Refiner, and Mr Du Bois, the Assayer of this Mint, upon the same subject.

I have no desire to enter upon any discussion in regard to the selenium theory or "hypothesis," as the presence or absence of this element in any particular lot is simply a matter of scientific

observation, and therefore not capable of being discussed. I may however, be permitted to say, that the analyses made at this Mint, were conducted with the utmost care, and that there is no reason to believe that Selenium was absent in any of the specimens in which it was alleged to have been detected. As evidence of the baleful effects of a very insignificant trace of Selenium, when Silver is reduced to standard degree, I forward by Express, the two samples mentioned in the enclosed report of Mr DuBois. If you wish to retain them for future reference, please receipt to me for them, if not, return them after inspection, and I will keep some characteristic pieces of each.

Knowing the great care which is

observed in all the laboratory processes of this kind, I did not suppose there would be any cavil at the results which our experiments would warrant in being announced; but, on the contrary I anticipated that the officers of the Assay Office at New York would unite in congratulations over the discovery of a cause which has undoubtedly produced much trouble in the past, and would assist us in taking steps to avoid similar trouble in the future; - instead of questioning the results of our investigations, and treating as "hypothetical and theoretical", facts established by the closest scientific research. I shall, however, in the future, where bars are suspected of being contaminated with elements of

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unfrequent occurrence, retain a sufficient quantity, to make the investigation to be repeated, particularly if the bars have the stamp of a Government office thereon. If the results are still questioned, I will ask permission to submit the remaining portions of the samples kept from the bars, to experienced students of Chemistry, who are not connected with the Mint or other Governmental office, so that the final decision arrived at, may be in accordance with the best information afforded by science.

I have no desire in this matter, except that accurate and useful results may be attained; and deply regret that no portions of the bars were reserved, in which Selenium was found by the officers of this Mint, but in which

it was not detected, or rather, if I interpret correctly the language of Mr Torrey, positively denied, by the officers of the New York Assay Office. Samples of the same bars would have given opportunity for further investigation.

The occurrence of this noxious element in these bars, must remain a matter of doubt, with the slight preponderance which is given in science, as in other subjects of intelligent thought, to positive over negative evidence.

I am glad to learn, from the report of the Assayer of the N. Y. Office, that his attention was given 2 years ago to the occasional occurrence of selenium in refined silver. But on the other hand, I sincerely regret that his suspicions, or the result of his investigations, were not at that time

communicated to the officers of this Mint. They would have served, not only as a guide in endeavoring to ascertain the cause of the refractory conduct of certain bars of silver, but would have secured to the Mint Bureau whatever credit attaches to an early recognition of the value of the publication of the eminent French Chemist, M. De Bray, to whom we owe the first announcement of the bad effects upon silver of contamination with Selenium (Comptes Rendus Acad. des Sciences, Paris, May 15th 1876)

There is one other point which, though but remotely pertinent to this subject, it would be unjust to pass without remark. It is the reopening of the question of permitting silver

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of any grade above standard, to be sent from the New York office to this Mint. I supposed that the arguments previously filed in the archives of the Bureau, as well as the subsequent experience in favor of receiving only fine silver, had been conclusive. But the subject is now brought forward by the Melter and Refiner of the New York office, in this specious form; "If the Mint will consent to have a practical test of toughness &c, applied to the silver, with the restriction as to fineness changed to 'standard or above', instead of '997/1000 or above', all trouble concerning direct shipments to the Mint will be avoided in future, - and the expense of taking copper out of thousands of ounces of silver, only to have it put

in again at the Mint, will be saved to the Government."

It has heretofore not been the opinion of the officers of this institution, that the primary object of refining silver, was simply to remove the copper, which was afterwards to be replaced. On the contrary the object of refining, by which the copper is necessarily separated from the silver, is to remove by the same process, other impurities of a very deleterious nature (one of which is now claimed to be Selenium) affecting the ductility of the silver, even when present in quantities capable of being detected only by the most refined analysis.

Were it otherwise, and if the Mint were permitted to receive impure silver of any grade down to standard, upon

certificate of assay, and its consequent commercial value, it would seem that the New York Assay Office would be useless and could be dispensed with, at the saving of a considerable annual outlay. For the facilities for assay at this Mint would readily enable us to ascertain the value of much larger quantities of bullion than we now receive. I may add that, if the appropriations for the support of the New York Assay Office were employed in the establishment of a refinery in this institution, large enough to meet the public demands, no doubt money could be saved, and all the bullion offered, refined for the purpose of coinage. If, however, in the wisdom of Congress the establishment of the

Assay Office at New York was deemed advisable; its function is to refine such bullion as is sent to it, and not simply to receive, assay, and transmit bullion. For any other purpose than refining, it may be considered as merely a commercial luxury, rendering no assistance in the manufacture of coin, which is the essential object in the establishment of the Mint, and of which the Assay Office is only an adjunct.

The replies of Mr Du Bois the Assayer, and Mr Booth, the Melter and Refiner, are so full upon the subjects to which they relate, that they seem to require very little addition on my part.

I have in conclusion to regret that the information transmitted as to the results of our experiments in relation to selenium, has not been received by the officers of the Assay Office at New-York, in the same spirit in which it was presented; and further to add, that where differences between that Office and this institution occur as to results of scientific investigation, we are quite willing that these differences should be submitted to the highest scientific authority of the country for final settlement.

I am
Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt.
Loudon Snowden
Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Aug. 19th 71

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you will draw your Warrant for the Sum of Fifty Thousand (50.000) Dollars, to reimburse you for Minor Loans withdrawn from your Redemption Fund and Re-issued.

I am, Sir,
Your Respectfully
A. London Burrell
Supt.

Hon. James Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

thing to do, and I think he can use them there. Could they not be used at the Assay Office in Nearyork?

I am anxious to unite with some of our freinds and help these people out, altho I cannot do it at a sacrifice of what I think to be my duty here. Let me hear from you.

I am

Very truly yours

London Morrow

R. E. Preston Esq
Mint Philada

Personal Aug 19th 79

My dear Mr Preston,

I have a letter from Mr Martin, the Melter & Refiner at San Francisco in relation to the Rummey pots. I think if the Supt. of that Mint was written to, that he would refer the matter perhaps to the Melter & Refiner, and he would purchase a few of these pots.

Under all the circumstances, it seems a desirable

Aug. 19th 9

Sir;

In pursuance of the enclosed nomination by the Melter and Refiner, I have appointed Thomas Robinson, as Helper, in the Melter and Refiner's Department of this Mint @ $2.00 per diem, to date from confirmation and respectfully submit the same for approval, under section 3004, Revised Statutes.

I am
Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt.
Landon Ramsey
Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Aug. 19th 9.

Sir,

I enclose herewith copy of a communication received this morning from J. W. Helfrich Assistant Coiner U. S. Mint at New Orleans. It would seem to be a report on the machinery sent to that institution by Messrs Orr, Hess & Morgan, of this city. I do not understand why it is sent to me, and presume it is intended for the Bureau.

I am,

Very Respectfully Your Ob't Serv't

Reuben Lowndes

Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Phila
Aug. 20th 79

July 31st 1879

Yours respectfully
A. Lewis Brown
Cashier
for
Adams & Co.
Agts Sun

Aug. 30th 9

Sir

I herewith transmit Statement of Silver Purchased at the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, from Aug. 11th to Aug 16th 1878.

I am
Very Respectfully Your Obt Svt
John L. Leconte
acting Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Asst Director of the Mint
Washington, D. C.

John L. Sibonte

Aug. 20th 67

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Book of Estimates Rec'd from me on return of the 16th inst.

Yours
Very Respy
John L. Lebonte.
Act. Supt

E. E. Preston
Acting Director Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Aug. 20. 9

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt today, by registered mail, of the Gold Bullion in the United States, specified in your letter of the 15th inst. and its accompanying schedule.

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
John L. Sullivan.
Acting Supt

W. Silvers, Esq
Assayer in Charge
Mint.
Denver, Col

Aug 21. 9

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the official oaths of the following recently appointed employes of this Mint, viz:

Jacob F. Wolf,	Melter
Francis McCarthy	Laborer
Harriet D. Scott	Adjuster
Mary A. Geiger	do.
Lorenza Hastings	do
Rebecca A. Dunne	do

Very Respectfully
John L. Leconte,
Acting Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

Aug. 21st 79

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of remittance #52. gold bullion from your office, as per letter of advice & memorandum of 15th inst. Weight 61.26 oz.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant.
John L. LeConte.
Acting Supt.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.
U. S. Assayer,
Charlotte,
N. C.

August 21 78

Sir,

I enclose bills for securities forwarded to the U. S. Mint at Denver, and to the Assay Office at Helena, Montana.

Also, two sets of bills for chemical deposits for the same institutions.

The receipts of Col D. H. Rucker Asst Q. M. General at Philadelphia, for three of the invoices are also inclosed.

In regard to the invoice of chemicals for the Denver Mint, I regret that the form from which the articles were ordered, misunderstood the instructions given, and returned the packages to the Union Iron & Steel Company, before I was notified that

they were ready for shipment. The
Consignment was that when I de-
livered them to the Quarter Master,
they were already beyond his control,
and he could not receipt for them.
I therefore enclose the receipt of the
Union Line as a voucher.

The other articles ordered in your letter
of 17th & 18th ult. will be made & forwar-
-ded as soon as possible. I regret the delay
but it has been unavoidable, on account
of the large amount of work required at the
Mint, & the absence of the laboring force at the
season of vacation.

Below you will find a list of
the bills and vouchers herewith en-

Edwards,

I have the honor to remain,
Very Respectfully
Your obed't Serv't.
John L. Sebastian,
Acting Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

Schedule

Phillips & Jacobs,	Helena	$24.37
Do.	Reno	$33.00
Sharp & Stumb	Helena	$615.18
Do	Reno	$317.28

3 Quarts Alm'g Mf Receipts
1 Blank Line for the Superintendent

Copy

Telegram

Phila Aug 22d 1879

Treasurer U.S.
Washington D.C.

In what county of Pennsylvania is
Mount Pleasant situated, mentioned in
Silver Transfer Letter Number 1840 —
dated Aug 21st 1879

(Signed) John L. Le Conte,
Actg Supt. Mint U.S. Phila

August 22 79.

Sir,

I herewith transmit Report of Gold Deposits melted at this Mint for the weeks ending July 19; July 26; August 2, 9, and 16; respectively.

Also Report of Silver Purchases and Deposits melted at this Mint for the week ending July 19 1879

Very Respectfully

John L. Lebaume.

Acting Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

Aug. 22nd 79

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose Invoice of #1130 of Gold Bullion received from the U.S. Mint at Denver, Value #28,150.61.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
John L. Lakenute
Acting Supt.

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington,
D. C.

Aug. 22nd 79

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose Mem. #1130 of Gold Bullions received from your Mint, by registered mail as already acknowledged by letter of 20th inst. Value $28,150.61.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant.
John L. Leconte.
Acting Supt.

H. Silver, Esq.
Assayer in charge.
U. S. Mint.
Denver, Col.

August 22 79

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will please forward to Messrs E. Ballantine & Son Newark, N.J. a liberal supply of blank invoices for the shipment of Silver Ware. One sheet. If the supply [illegible] is nearly exhausted, I beg that we may be allowed to make some suggestions before the next edition is printed, these invoices being solely for the safety and convenience of this institution.

I am, Very Respectfully

C. E. Charlton Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

John L. Leconte,
Acting Assayer

(Telegram)

Philadelphia August 22. 1879.

To J. & W. Seligman & Co. Bankers.
New York City.

Pay number ninety three thirteen
One thousand forty one dollars, on your
invoice of August twenty first to
order Pay Receiver.

John L. Lelcourt
Acting Superintendent

Aug. 23. 79

Sir,

I have the h[onor] to acknowledge the receipt, by mail, this morning, of the dispatches specified in your letter of the 21 st inst.

I am, Very Respectfully
Your obedient Svt
John L. Stevens,
Acting Chief

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Aug. 23rd 79

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of invoices #17 & 18, gold bullion from your office, as per letter of advice & schedules, with express receipt of 22nd inst.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John L. Leconte
Acting Supt.

Thomas O. Acton Esq.
Superintendent,
U. S. assay office.
New York.

Aug. 23 77

Sir,

I have the honor to report that you will please return to me, the Reports, Gold and Silver deposited at mint, forwarded to your office in my letter of the 22d inst. They were left in my desk during my temporary absence from my room, & were mailed to you by mistake. They belong to the files of this office, and are wanted for reference and reports.

I am, very Respectfully

R. E. Preston, Esq
Actg Director of the Mint

Your Obt. Servt
Robert E. Peloubet,
Actg Asst Examr

Aug. 23rd 79

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith $1139 & Sight Draft on New York, received by registered mail, as per letter & Invoice & memorandum, acknowledged 21st inst. Value $1125.69.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John F. Labauve
Acting Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.
U.S. Treasurer,
Washington,
D.C.

Aug. 23rd '79

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose Invoice #1139 of Gold bullions received from U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. Value $1125.69.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John L. Leconte.
Acting Superintendent

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D. C.

Aug 23d 49

Sir;

I have the honor, to report the approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand, at the close of business this day, to be 1.529.192.40 - Ounces and Ounces; together with 122.000.00 Gross ounces, unassayed.

Yours

Very Respectfully Yours

John L. Lebourteu,

Acting Supt.

R.C. Parsons Esq

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Aug. 2nd 79

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose the Coiner's report of coinage executed during the week ending 27th inst.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant.
John L. Lebaume
Acting Supt.

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington,
D. C.

Aug 25th 79

Sir:

I draw on you this day, as follows, viz:

Nos	Amounts	Favor
1004	$29,179.79	Laidlaw Co
1005	$114,372.53	Handley & Co
1006	$65,118.02	J.B. Colgate Co
1007	$100,000.00	J.H. Quigley & Co

together with No 1003 - for $21,702.20 - dated Aug 20th 1879, favor C.E. Schieffelin -

Coin payable in Standard Silver Dollars for Silver Bullion received

Yours

Very Respectfully yours

John L. Hubbard,

Cashier U.S.

New York

Acting Supt.

Aug 25th 9

J. B. Colgate & Co

Aug 21st 9

85.239.75

84.419.86

1.11.90 95.310.02

Arthur L. Lebourdais
Cashier

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Aug 25th 9

Handy Hermise

N.Y.

Aug 21 — 9

101.396.86

101.269.29

11294 114.373.53

John L. Sebonte
acting

Aug 25th 9

Lovell Lane & Co

New York

Aug 11th 9

25.906.00

25.868.61

$1,12.90 29.179.79

John L. Babcock
Cashier

Aug 25th 9

A.E. Schieffelin

Phila — —

Aug 14th 9

19.164.43

18.337.61

20.710.49

$1.294

Gross paid = $1317.60

Charges = $325.89 – Check for her amount $21.702.20

John L. Lebourte.
acting

May 25th 49

Sir;

I send a memorandum of the Bullion Fund, at the close of business on the 23d inst, at $6.661.620.22;

Subdivided as follows, viz;

In the Mint	1.515.262.91
" Assay Office	1.374.163.24
" Sub Treasury	2.719.602.87
" Custom House	1.052.591.20
	$6.661.620.22

Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt
John L. Taylor.
Chief Clerk.

R. E. Preston Esq
Actg Director of the Mint
Washington

at Philadelphia Aug 23d 79

1515261.91
1374168.24
271602.87
1052591.20

6611202.22

220440 —
473440 —
376820 —
202340 —
215023 —
2866 —
638891 —

340 —
106420 —
635715 —
2140915 —
— —
— —
— —

(Duty on Art. 24 & 25.)
Duty on Art. 24 & 25. U.S. 1160160.69

1515261.91 2771602.87

Treas U.S.
Washington
D.C.

John L. Gilmore

Aug 28th 79

Sir:

I draw on you this day sight
No 1008 - for $38.053.71 favor Rep J & W.
Seligman Ber payable in Std Silver
Dollars for Silver Bullion purchased

I am

Very Respectfully Your
Obt Servt
Landon Ward
Cashier

Hon Wm Hillhouse
Asst Er US
New York

Aug. 28th 79.

Sir;-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of 23rd inst, in relation to the employment of a Draughtsman to prepare a plan of the basement and first floor of this building, and will be governed accordingly.

Your letter was received by the Acting Supt., during my brief absence from the city, but I see no record of its acknowledgment, and therefore hasten to do the same.

I am
Very Respectfully, Your Obt Servt
A. Loudon Snowden Supt

Hon. S.T. French
Asst Secretary Treasury
Washington D.C.

Aug 29th 79

Sir,

I draw on you this day checks as follows viz

Nos —	Amt —	Favor
1009 —	$178.000.00	J.W. Seligman & Co
1010	154.000.00	Handy & Brownie
1011	77.000.00	Handy & Brownie

All payable in Std Silver Dollars or Silver Bullion purchased

Yours

Very Respectfully Yours

A. Loudon Snowden

Supt

Hon Thos Hillhouse

Asst Sr US

Dy

50.521,30

50.391,89

112,41 50.912,59

A Lindau Nordley

Aug. 29th 79

Sir;-

I have the honor to transmit herewith the oaths of office of the following persons recently appointed in this Mint.

Thomas Robinson, Helper
Anna M. Justice, Adjuster.

I am
Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt
L. Linderman
Supt

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Aug. 29th 79.

Sir;-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of invoice # 20. gold bullion from your office, as per letter of advice and schedule, with Express receipt of 28th inst.

I am

Very Respectfully Yours.

Supt.

James C. Acton Esq
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Aug. 29th 9.

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of remittances Nos 53, 54, & 55, gold bullion from your office, as per letter of advice & memorandum of 25th inst.

I am
Very Respectfully Yours
Reuben Memes
Supt.

Calvin J Cowles Esq
U. S. Assayer, Charlotte, N.C.

Aug. 28th 79

Sir;-

I herewith transmit statement of silver purchased at the Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia from August 18th to 23rd inclusive.

I am

Very Respectfully Your Obt. Svt.

L. Loudon Norris

Supt.

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Aug. 29th 9.

Sir,

In reply to your letters of the 28th inst, in relation to the purchases of silver bullion, as well as giving the purport of a telegram received from Sandy & Cronise, in both of which you refer to prompt payments and partial payments in the purchase of silver bullion, I beg to submit, that there has been, since my connection with this office, no avoidable delay in making full payments.

Previous to my assuming the Superintendency, I understood that there had been advances made upon silver purchases, where the Superintendent felt justified. It then frequently took from 3 to 11 days to make a full return. Believing that

it would be better to hasten the assays as far as was consistent with safety, and make one payment cover each purchase, provided it could be done within a reasonable time, I gave instructions in accordance therewith, and submit to you the following schedule, showing the dates of the receipt of bullion, and the dates of issuing checks in payment:-

Received	July 8th	Check sent	July 9th
"	" 18th	Check sent	July 21st (Sunday intervening, and the silver being of a refractory character)
Received	July 25th & 26th	Check sent	July 26th
"	Aug. 2nd (Sunday intervening)	" "	Aug. 4th
"	" 8th	" "	" 9th
"	" 9th (Sunday intervening)	" "	" 11th
"	" 15th	" "	" 15th & 16th
"	" 22nd (Sunday intervening)	" "	" 25th

It will be seen from the above

schedules, that with but two exceptions, and there we experienced diffiulty from the character of the silver, causing a delay of 24 hours, the checks were forwarded the next working day after the receipt of the bullion. I am confident that an examination of this schedule will satisfy you that there has been no unreasonable delay, and no special cause for complaint. Indeed, I have heard of no complaint from any seller of bullion except from the firm that telegraphed you. I further learn that they were in the habit of making such complaints to my predecessor. I may say here, that where it can be avoided, partial payments should not be made. A clean check for the whole purchase is desirable, closing each transaction, and affording

less opportunity for confusion or error.

I recognize with you the importance of making payments promptly, for the reasons so clearly stated in your letter, and think that you will do me the justice to say, that the official results here, as presented, clearly show, that I was in entire accord with you in my views and actions.

I may observe, that in one or two instances, silver purchased from Handy & Cronise, has been of a very spongy, volatile, and unsatisfactory character.

Of the firms or persons named in your last letter, from whom bullion has been purchased, but two, - Handy & Cronise, and J W Doleiman & Co, have requested partial payments.

I have forwarded them checks by

Treas'r mail for 80.% of the amount believed to be due them.

My action has been governed by a desire to protect the interests of the Government, and facilitate at the same time an economical purchase of bullion, and I think, with the facts embraced in this schedule, before you, you will agree there has been no just cause of complaint on the part of any seller of bullion, as to delays in payment.

I am
Very Respectfully Your Ob't Serv't
Boudoin Snowden
Supt

Hon Horatio C Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Aug. 30th 64.

Sir

I enclose herewith Memorandum No 1190 (4.) for $21,821.39, the coin value of Gold Bullion received from your office on account of the United States.

I am
Very Respectfully Yours.
Lorenzo Thomas
Brig. Genl.

Colin J. Cowie Esq
Asst in charge
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

Aug 30th 1870

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith duplicate Memorandum No 1170 for Register, the coin value of gold bullion received from the Charlotte Assay Office, on account of the United States.

I am

Very Respectfully Your Obt Svt

Mitchell Wilder

Supt.

Hon Hugh McCulloch Secretary of the Treasury

Washington D.C.

Aug. 30th 79.

Sir;-

I have the honor to enclose herewith the Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for the week ending August 30th, 1879.

I am
Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt
Loudon Snowden
Supt.

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington, D. C.

Aug. 30th 79

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith I have the honor to transmit the Coiner's Report of the Coinage executed at this Mint during the current month, August 1879.

I am
Very Respectfully Your. Obt Servt
Landon Ronaldson
Supt.

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Aug 30th 9

Sir;-

I enclose herewith Express receipt for Three Hundred and Thirty Nine Thousand, Four Hundred and Thirty one 61/100 ($339,431.61/100) Dollars, transmitted in payment of invoice No 14., in Double Eagles.

I am
Very Respectfully Yours.
Robert Snowden
Supt.

Hon. Thomas C. Acton
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Aug 30th 9

Sir:

As I can find no order on file in this office in relation to the coinage of Trade Dollars, I write in compliance with the request of a prominent business man here, to know whether you would authorize the coinage of Trade Dollars in San Francisco, provided a guarantee was given that they would be sent to China.

I have intimated to the gentleman my clear conviction, that under all the circumstances, the Department would not feel justified in authorizing any coinage of Trade Dollars at the present time, under any guarantee that might be given, as no guarantee

would prevent the reshipment of Trade Dollars from China to the United States.

I write, however for official information on the subject.

I am

Very Respectfully Your Obt. Servt.

A. Loudon Snowden

Supt.

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Aug. 30th 9

Sir;-

I have the honor to submit the following facts;-

1st,- There is due the New York Assay Office at the present time, for gold deposited, some two millions and a half dollars.-

2nd - We have also on deposit some $12.000= for one cent coins;- have refused several thousand dollars from city Banks, and I am daily returning checks to parties, who cannot wait any longer for this coin.

I write to know whether it would not be advisable for me to run the force of the institution for some time, so as to clear our indebtedness with the New York Assay Office, and supply the press-

demands from all quarters for one cent pieces. I know my ability to do this will largely depend upon the purchases of silver at San Francisco and Carson, and the consequent demand upon us for standard silver dollars during the month of September. You will please therefor inform me how many standard dollars will be expected from this Mint during next month.

I am
Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt
R. Loudon Snowden
Supt.

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Nov 30th 79

Sir;

I draw on you this day check No 1012, for £1000.00 - favor Messrs Handy & Cromie. - payable in Std Silver Dollars for Silver Bullion purchased.

I am

Very Respectfully Yours

Thos Thornton Monday

Cashier

Cromie Hillhouse

Asst Cr U.S.

Mint

at Philada Aug 30th 79

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M/yc with ADW Std Does	5583411 44
1527/58241	2961628 25

Received pr
Weight
26

Aug 30 79

Sir;

I have the honor, to report the Bullion Fund at the close of business this day, at $7.392.922.33 Subdivided approximately, as follows viz;

Gold Coin	1.527.592.41
" Bullion	1.391.978.17
Silver Coin	2.961.628.25
" Bullion	1.511.723.50
Total as above	$7.392.922.33

Very Respectfully Your
Obt Servt
H. Howard Morrell
Supt

Hon Horatio C Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Aug 30th 79

Sir:

I have the honor to report the approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand, at the close of business this day, to be 1,284,223.00 Standard Ounces; together with 631,986.00 fine Ounces, in assayed.

I am

very Respectfully Your
obt Servt
Wm Gordon Morrison
Supt

Hon W. C. Bouchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 1st 9

Hon Horatio C Burchard
Director of the Mint, Washington D.C.
Sir, It becomes my painful duty to announce
the death of William Barber, Engraver
of this institution who died
yesterday morning 7 o'clock of
apoplexy succeeding malarial fever.
A. Loudon Snowden
Supt

Engr Portraits

Sept 1st 79

Sir;

I draw on you this day Checks as follows, viz;

Nos	Amt	Favor
1013	$17,978.32	Handy Bowie
1014	31,000.00	J.B. Colgate & Co
1015	10.000.00	Meeker & Davenport

All payable in Std Silver Dollars for Silver Bullion purchased.

Yours

Very Respectfully Yours

R. London Purdy

Supt

Hon Thos Hillhouse

Asst Tr U.S.

N.Y.

Dept. 10th 79.

Sir;-

I have the honor to transmit the following reports;-

1st Engineer's Log, abstract for August 1879.

2nd Statement of Mint Coinage operations for the month of August.

3rd Statement of Mint Coins redeemed for the month of August.

I am

Very Respectfully Your Ob't Serv't

A. Loudon Snowden

Supt.

Hon Horatio C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington, D.C.

Sept. 1st. 9

Sir,

It would facilitate the arrangement of and the weighing of silver, if the parties from whom it is purchased would send separate invoices with each particular lot of silver sold. In other words, persons sending silver here, should have that which is sold at a certain rate, invoiced separate from the others.

Seligman & Co. in New York, are particular, remiss in this respect, and it frequently requires hours to separate and arrange. Would you be kind enough to direct the attention of sellers of bullion to this subject, it will avoid much trouble here and expedite returns to them

Very Respectfully Your Ob't Serv't

A. Loudon Snowden

Asst Treas

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Sept 1st 9.

Sir,—

The following telegram sent to you today is hereby made official;

"It becomes my painful duty to announce the death of William Barber, Engraver of this institution, who died yesterday morning at 7 o'clock of apoplexy, succeeding malarial fever."

I am

Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt

A. Boardman Smedley

Supt.

Hon. H. C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington, D. C.

Sept. 2nd 79

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose duplicate invoices of a lot of Assayer's Apparatus to be transported to the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana.

Very respectfully.
Your obedient servant.

Louis Streuber
Superintendent.

Col. D. H. Rucker, U. S. A.
Asst. Q. M. Gl. General
Philadelphia.

Public Property

Second

September 9 Col. D. St. Ruckers Asst.
General Philadelphia

U. S. assayer
Helena, Montana

U. S. Assay Office
Helena,
Montana

One loop assayer's apparatus 2703 93 lbs.

London Lindsey
Supt. U. S. Mint.

Sept 2d

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst enclosing Transfer Check No 14972 for $100.= in payment for like amount of 59 prices to be forwarded to First Nat'l Bk, Bowling Green, Ohio, and to state that the five cent prices will be shipped in a few days

Very respectfully
B. London Purdy
Superintendent

Hon James Gilfillan
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C

Sept 2nd 79

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of invoice 21 of Gold bullion, contained in eight boxes, as per your letter of advice of 30th inst. enclosing schedule & Express receipt.

I am, respectfully,
Your obedient servant
S. Leverich Moorday
Superintendent

Thos. L. Acton, Esq.
Superintendent U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sept. 2nd 77

Sir.

If in your judgement the crucibles referred to in your letter of this date, you are authorized to sell them at 50¢ each, according to the offer of Mr. Du Plaine, & also to accept his offer of 15¢ for the worn-out copper crucibles.

Very respectfully yours

A. Gordon Norrie

Superintendent.

James C. Booth, Esq.

Melter & Refiner.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith, my account [illegible] for the month of August last

I am

Sir

Your Obedt Servt

S. London Morrow

Com. C. Bunce

Register of the Navy

Washington

D.C.

Sch. 2a

Sirs:

I draw on you this day checks as follows, viz.

Nos	Amt $	Favor
1016	1,250.40	Wolcott & Dawnport
1017	9509.35	J.B. Corgan & Co
1018	2,013.19	Wardens Bronnier
1019	46.000.00	do do
1020	46,769.69	do do

All payable in Std silver Dollars for silver Bullion purchased.

Yours

Wm. Bch. Shaftsbury Jones
Chas. R. Delgarno
Cashier

Chas Sno Hillsboro
Asst. Sr. Mo. Mint

One Cylinder Roll Desk Special measurement		120.00
One Revolving Chair	@	22.00
Four (4) Chairs (arm)	@	22.00
One (1) Couch		60.00
One (1) Revolving Chair		15.00
½ doz Upholstered Chairs	@ 7.50	45.00
One (1) Extension Table for Assay Room		70.00
Ten (10) Upholstered Chairs	@ 5.00	50.00
One (1) Double Counselling Desk		60.00
Two (2) Cushions	@ 3.50	7.00

Twist Drills.

1/3 doz	1/4"	1/6 doz	9/32"
1/4 "	5/16"	1/6 "	11/32"
1/3 "	3/8"	1/6 "	13/32"
1/4 "	7/16"	1/6 "	15/32"
1/3 "	1/2"	1/6 "	17/32"
1/4 "	9/16"	1/6 "	19/32"
1/4 "	5/8"	1/12 "	1 1/4"

Onsett Wire Gauge 0. to 60.

One of each Steel sockets, Morse Taper Nos 1. 2. 3.

One pair Fine Calipers, Hermaphrodite Legs

½ doz Boxwood Rules

List of Files

	3"	4"	6"	8"	10"	12"	14"	16"	Total
Hand Bastard	2 doz		doz	doz	4 doz	4 doz	2 doz		16 dozen
Half round	" 2 "	2 "	4 "	4 "	4 "	4 "	2 "		22 "
Square	" 1 "	1 "	2 "	2 "	2 "	3 "			11 "
Round	" 1 "	1 "	2 "	2 "	2 "	1 "			9 "
Hand 2nd Cut	2 "		2 "	2 "	2 "	1 "	1 "		10 "
Half round	" 1 "		4 "	4 "	4 "	3 "	1 "		17 "
Square	" 1 "		2 "	2 "	2 "	2 "	1 "		10 "
Round	" 1 "	1 "	2 "	3 "	3 "	3 "	1 "		14 "
Hand Smooth	1 "	1 "	4 "	4 "	4 "	1 "	1 "		16 "
Half round	" 1 "	1 "	3 "	3 "	3 "	1 "	1 "		13 "
Square	" 1 "	1 "	1 "	1 "	1 "	1 "	1 "		7 "
Round	" 1 "	1 "	1 "	1 "	1 "	1 "			6 "
Pillar Saw			1 "	2 "	2 "	4 "			9 "
3 Square Saw	2 "	5 "	4 "	2 "					13 "
Hand 2nd Smooth			2 "	2 "		1 "			5 "
Half round	" "		2 "	2 "		1 "			5 "
									183 dozen

One (1) Set of Standard Guages.
One (1) Vernier Caliper
One (1) Key seat Rule
One (1) Twist Drill and wire Guage
Two (2) Centre Guages
One (1) Speed Indicator
Two (2) Pairs Parallel Pliers, 4 1/2 x 6 1/2
Three (3) " Cutting " 4. 6. 10.
One (1) Spirit Level.
One (1) Bannick Wrench No 3.
Two (2) Monkey Wrenches, 12 inches
One (1) " " 15 "
One (1) " " 4 "
One (1) Doz Mall Iron Lamps
One (1) " " Oilers
One (1) Linen Tape Line 50 inches
Two (2) Adjustable Plumb bobs Nos 1 & 2, with steel reel.
One (1) 1,000 lb Hoist
1/2 Doz Shindoston Oil Stones.
One (1) Set Knurls or Milling Wheels.
Three (3) Side faced Hammers Nos 1. 2 and 4.
One (1) Barber Hand Brace, ratchet attachment
One (1) Set Le Count's Tathe Dogs
One (1) " " " Steel Clamps
One (1) " " " Pin Dogs
~~One (1) 9" Horton Chuck Special Jaws~~

Taps and Dies

One (1) Set 1/4 inch
" " 5/16 "
" " 3/8 "
" " 7/16 "
" " 1/2 "

One (1) 9" Hartman Chuck Special jaws

Brass Wire

10 lbs No 6
10 " " 12
10 " " 14
10 " " 16
5 " " 20.

Iron Wire

10 lbs No 6
10 " " 8
10 " " 10
10 " " 12
10 " " 14
5 " " 16
5 " " 18
5 " " 20

One (1) Box XX Tin
1/2 doz Galvand Iron Buckets
1/2 Gross Belt Lacings
One (1) Kennedys Concentrated Power Shears No 2.
One (1) Revolving Swage Block
Two (2) Anvils 140 lbs each